

Guide to the
J.A. Lopes Collection

4.8 linear feet

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Biographical Sketch:

J.A. Lopes was a pilot with Air America in the 1970's. In addition to his job as a pilot Lopes became an active member of the Far East Pilots Association (FEPA). FEPA was a union formed by the pilots of Air America to represent their interests. In 1974 negotiations between Air America and FEPA broke down resulting in a strike by the Air America Pilots.

Sources

J.A. Lopes Collection, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Additional Sources

The History of Aviation Collection at the University of Texas at Dallas is the official archive of CAT and Air America and has extensive holdings of archival material relating to Air America operations and aviation in Southeast Asia. Consult the finding aids of the CAT/Air America Collection for further details.

Series Description

The J.A. Lopes collection consists of one series of 7 boxes of material totaling 4.8 linear feet. It is comprised of loose material in folders. The collection is described at the folder level. See container list for the title of individual folders.

Scope and Content Note

The J.A. Lopes Collection contains material related to J.A. Lopes career with Air America. A substantial portion of the material relates to J.A. Lopes involvement with the Far East Pilots Association (FEPA), including the contract negotiations with Air America and the Air America Pilot's Strike in 1974. This FEPA material includes correspondence, memos, grievance reports, contracts and statements. Additionally several sets of uniforms and a collection of oral interviews and original cassette tapes may be found in the collection.

Provenance Statement

The J.A. Lopes Collection was donated to the History of Aviation Collection, McDermott Library Special Collections by J.A. Lopes in October 2004.

Literary Rights Statement

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Container list

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J.A. Lopes Collection: Container List

<u>Box 1</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Employee Records – J.A. Lopes
2	Employment File
3	Pay Sheets 1971 - 1972
4	J.A. Lopes Request for Leave and Travel
5	Travel Procedures – New Air America Employees
6	Air America - 1973
7	Air America Rules and Contracts
8	Bell 204/205 Program
9	Bid File
10	Bid Notices
11	Company Leave - Paid
12	Enemy Activity Reports
13	Ferry Flight Schedule
14	Flight Safety Review
15	Hostel
16	Insurance
17	Grievance Procedures
18	Law Firm
19	Manning Requirements - 1971

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<u>Box 2</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Flight Logs and Fuel Information
2	New Member Welcoming Letter
3	Resumes
4	Personal Insurance
5	Project Pay Agreement
6	Safety
7	Seniority Lists
8	Treasurer
9	Trip Reports
10	Work Stoppage
11	FEPA (Far East Pilots Association) and Air America Working Agreement
12	FEPA Accident Investigation Committee Assignments
13	FEPA Audit Report
14	FEPA Captain Kirk McFarlin's Grievance
15	FEPA Cases
16	FEPA Contract – Helicopter Operations
17	FEPA Grievance File
18	FEPA Headquarters Newsletter
19	FEPA Internal Procedures

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Box 3

Titles, Dates, and Description

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| 1 | FEPA Meetings with the Company |
| 2 | FEPA Meeting Minutes |
| 3 | FEPA Membership Roster |
| 4 | Udorn Membership Roster |
| 5 | FEPA Officers |
| 6 | FEPA Scheduling Committee |
| 7 | FEPA Saigon Chapter |
| 8 | FEPA Tachikawa Chapter |
| 9 | FEPA Udorn Chapter |
| 10 | FEPA Vientiane Chapter |
| 11 | FEPA Yokota Chapter |
| 12 | FEPA VTE Chapter |
| 13 | IFALPA (International Federation of Airline Pilot Associations) |
| 14 | ALPA (Airline Pilot's Association) |
| 15 | FEPA Correspondence Logs |
| 16 | FEPA Correspondence 1971 |

Box 4

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| 1 | FEPA Correspondence 1972 |
| 2 | FEPA Organizational Correspondence |

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Box 4

Titles, Dates, and Description

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| 3 | Out Going Messages 1972 |
| 4 | Letter from President an V/PRES UTH |
| 5 | System President Letters – FEPA |
| 6 | FEPA System President Letters |
| 7 | FEPA – Legal Correspondence |
| 8 | Memos from CP/RW/BM |
| 9 | Memos from ASCP/A, SCP, and VPFO 1971 -1972 |
| 10 | Memos from VP/CP/RW 1973 |
| 11 | Memos |

Box 5

Folder

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| 1 | Memoranda – Miscellaneous |
| 2 | Air America Log Vol. I, No. 1-2 1967 |
| 3 | Air America Log Vol. II, No. 1-6 1968 |
| 4 | Air America Log Vol. III, No. 1-7 1969 |
| 5 | Air America Log Vol. IV, No. 1-8 1970 |
| 6 | Air America Log Vol. V, No. 1-8 1971 |
| 7 | Air America Log Vol. VII, No. 1-8 1973 |
| 8 | Air America Log Vol. VIII, No. 1-3 1974 |

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<u>Box 5</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
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9	Captain Mayhew Trip Report
10	Captain T.A. Moher
11	Captain B.L. Pearson
12	Captain Boonchoo Nanakornphanon
13	Joe Kench
14	Captain M.L. Morris
15	U.S. Customs Information
16	Calvert School Material
17	Photocopy of Check from Martha Raye to the American Legion
18	Articles on Laos
19	CAT Clippings
20	Southeast Asia Clippings
21	Air America History Clippings
22	Miscellaneous Items
23	News Clippings
24	Air America Log Vol. VII, No. 1-8 1972

Box 6 **Titles, Dates, and Description**

<u>Folder</u>	
1	S.E. Asia Pointee Talkee – September 1967

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<u>Box 6</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
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2	Identification Cards
3	Helicopter Weight Tables
4	FEPA Authorization Cards
5	CAT Tickets and Flight Information
6	Japanese Scrolls
7	Patches
8	Flight Crew Log – 1969
9	Flight Crew Log – 1970
10	Flight Crew Log – 1971 -1972
11	FEPA Rubber Stamps
12	CAT Clip, Tape Measure, Calendar
13	CAT Chopsticks, Fan, Spoon
14	Pilot's badge and Epauettes
15	FEPA Plaque
16	Christmas Plaque
17	Department of Defense Maps
18	Plastic Maps and Charts
19	Annotated Maps
20	Book of Maps
21	Miscellaneous Maps

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Box 6

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| 22 | Large Map of Laos |
| 23 | News and Magazine Clippings |

Box 7

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| 1 | Cassette Tape: <i>AAM Al Brau – Vietnam 1/15 – 3/29, 1975</i> |
| 2 | Cassette Tape: <i>AAM Al Brau – Saigon, April 15 – 17, 1975</i> |
| 3 | Cassette Tape: <i>Steve</i> |
| 4 | Cassette Tape: <i>Stevens</i> |
| 5 | Cassette Tape: <i>Great Helicopter Robbery 1962</i> |
| 6 | Cassette Tape: <i>NBC Television Broadcast: “The Secret War in Laos”</i> |
| 7 | Cassette Tape: <i>Bill Foster March 5, 1971</i> |
| 8 | Cassette Tape: <i>UT Apau – Siam</i> |
| 9 | Cassette Tape: <i>John George’s Gibbon – UTH</i> |
| 10 | Cassette Tape: <i>Bangkok – ‘68</i> |
| 11 | Cassette Tape: <i>Art Wilson/Pak Sung</i> |
| 12 | Cassette Tape: <i>FEPA</i> |
| 13 | Cassette Tape: <i>FEPA Minutes</i> |
| 14 | Cassette Tape: <i>J.G. Walton, Esq. Nov. 1 Speech</i> |

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- 15 Cassette Tape: *AAM Talk*
- 16 Cassette Tape: *Emmett Kay Interview*
- 17 Cassette Tape: 1 *Tom Moher / His Majesty's Royal Artillery*
 2 *The Great Helicopter Robbery / Big Bad John*
- 18 Cassette Tape: 3 *Happy Hour Pan-Am Stews – Black Suites*
 4 *NKP Nite Flying / Navy Needs Water / Walkout*
 – *Dragons / Shooting the Slots / Captain Puke*
- 19 Cassette Tape: 5 *UTAPAU-Siam Interview / Bob Ayer's Party*
 6 *Chang-Rai and Rick*
- 20 Cassette Tape: 6 *Chang-Rai and Rick Continued*
 7 *Pat Sullivan*
 8 *Bulldog Butcher*
- 21 Cassette Tape: 9 *Vientiane and Captain Kong Le*
 10 *Vientiane and Captain Kong Le*
- 22 Cassette Tape: 11 *First Years 1960 – 1962, Nam Ca Din*
 12 *First Years 1960 – 1962, Nam Ca Din*
- 23 Cassette Tape: 13 *Cathy's Trip – Udorn / Art Wilson – Paksong /*
 Vertical Envelopment 1963
 14 *Continuation of Side 1*
- 24 Cassette Tape: 15 *Padong / Butchers Albino / Park Bieng Valley*
 / Capt. Duc. / H-V Rescue Cable
 16 *Continuation of Side 1*
- 25 Cassette Tape: 17 *Casterlin / Tony Meets the Wives / Elder and*
 Pig Blood / PDJ Kong Lee / Charlie and Hong
 Kong / Wan Fu
 18 *Continuation of Side 1*
- 26 Cassette Tape: 19 *20A / Pop Buell and Father B. / Magnet Ass*
 Estes / Mobing A/C / AAM Parties / X-Mas
 party / PDJ / Fonburg

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27	Cassette Tape: 21 <i>On Missionary Davis / Girl Battalion / Kaduks Son / French Mess</i> 22 <i>John George's Gibbon / 1st Uniform / Whose Flying / Cathy's Ping Water</i>
28	Cassette Tape: 23 <i>Nam Tha to Ban House Sai / Doc Wiseman</i> 24 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
29	Cassette Tape: 25 <i>Fred Riley Pick-Up, 1964 – UTE</i>
30	26 <i>Hero Baker / French Truce Talks</i>
31	Cassette Tape: 27 <i>1968 Bangkok A/C #803 / Charles Wake / Govt VIP / Lop Monkies</i> 28 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
32	Cassette Tape: 29 <i>95-On Arrested at Korat</i> 30 <i>Snake Pit</i>
33	Cassette Tape: 31 <i>AAM Thai Employee Strike at Udorn</i> 32 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
34	Cassette Tape: 33 <i>AAM Strike Udorn – 1974</i> 34 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
35	Cassette Tape: 35 <i>News Articles on Laos</i> 36 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
36	Cassette Tape: 37 <i>News Articles on Laos, General Giap</i> 38 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>
37	Cassette Tape: 39 <i>FCF Recovery 1971 -1972</i> 40 <i>Continuation of Side 1</i>

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Box 8 **Titles, Dates, and Description**

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| 1 | Air America Hat |
| 2 | Hat Brim |
| 3 | Three Extra Hat Coverings |
| 4 | Two ICCS Back Patches |
| 5 | ICCS Baseball Cap |
| 6 | Three Grey Long Sleeve Shirts |
| 7 | Three Grey Over Shirts |
| 8 | Three Pairs of Pants |