

Guide to the  
Clarence R. Osborne, Jr. Papers  
25 September 1922-1985

.2 linear feet

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## **Biographical Sketch**

Clarence R. Osborne, Jr. was hired by Air America 14 October 1965 to fly fixed-wing aircraft. Personnel records dated 1 July 1972 show that he was number 166 in seniority and attained the rank of captain. The records also show that he was based at Vientiane, Laos toward the end of his employment with Air America. Maps contained in this collection indicate that Captain Osborne flew in South Vietnam sometime during his employment with Air America. His name does not appear in the personnel roster in 1973, indicating his employment with Air America ended sometime in between the time the two rosters were published.

### **Sources:**

Dave Hickler Papers, CA54-03, Box 2, Folder 9, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

### **Additional Sources:**

L. H. Maxwell Papers, Box 1, Folder 1, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas. Contains a group photograph with Osborne identified.

In addition to the collection cited, information pertaining to Clarence R. Osborne, Jr. may be in other collections located in the CAT / Air America Archives.

## **Series Description**

**Series I. Air Navigation Maps, 10 December 1965-5 March 1965.** .2 linear feet (one flat over-sized box containing eleven maps.

Eleven maps arranged in no particular order. These maps cover Southeast Asia, primarily South Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand with parts of Burma, China, and Cambodia shown. These maps have notations made by the pilot.

### **Series II. Oil Painting.**

Framed oil painting. Subject of the oil painting is the Plain of Jars in Laos and was painted by a local artist.

## **Scope and Content**

The Clarence R. Osborne, Jr. Papers are composed of one oversized box and one framed oil painting arranged in two series.

Series I is composed of twelve maps housed in a flat, oversized box. The maps depict primarily Laos and South Vietnam and are dated 1965.

Series II is composed of one framed oil painting depicting the Plain of Jars, Laos.

## **Provenance Statement**

The materials in this collection were donated by Clarence R. Osborne, Jr.'s daughter, Robin Chaney, on December 16, 2003.

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## **Note to the Researcher**

The maps in this collection are quite fragile and must be handled with care. Due to the fragile condition of some of the maps, photocopying or scanning may not be permitted. Please consult with the curator regarding photocopying.

**CA72-03 Clarence R. Osborne, Jr. Papers: Container List**

**Series I. Air Navigation Maps, 1965**

**Box 1**

<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Title, Dates, and Description</u></b>
1	Map legends.
2	China, Burma, Laos.
3	Vietnam and Laos.
4	Thailand and Laos.
5	Laos and part of Burma.
6	Laos.
7	Laos and Vietnam.
8	South Vietnam airport approach and navigation chart.
9	South Vietnam; Phan Thiet to Nah Trang.
10	Thailand and Laos.
11	PC J-11A area; Laos and Vietnam.

**Series II. Oil Painting**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Title, Dates, and Description</u></b>
1	Oil painting of the Plain of Jars.