



## Guide to the D. Kenneth Richardson Papers on the Hughes Aircraft Company

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Richardson, D. Kenneth, 1931-
<b>Title:</b>	D. Kenneth Richardson Papers on the Hughes Aircraft Company
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00581
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1950-2011
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.17 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.84 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The D. Kenneth Richardson Papers on the Hughes Aircraft Company (1950-2011) contains correspondence, speeches, photographs, Hughes Aircraft Company executive meeting notes, and various publications from Hughes Aircraft Company and other aeronautical companies. Also included are published papers written by Richardson and a productivity study published by the Hughes Aircraft Company.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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D. Kenneth Richardson, known familiarly as Ken, was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. After high school he attended Punahou College and Graduated in 1948. He was employed by the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1952 as a radar design engineer. In 1954, while employed at Hughes, Richardson enrolled at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Business Administration where he earned his MBA in 1959. He was promoted to vice president of operations and in 1989 he was named president and chief operating officer for the Hughes Aircraft Company, which at its peak employed 85,000 people. The company became the leading

military electronic company in the world, developing technology that would be used by the military as well as civilians in lasers, cellphones, and satellite television.

Richardson retired from the Hughes Aircraft Company in 2001 and returned to Honolulu, Hawaii where he taught engineering and design in the Punahou School's learning lab. He documented his tenure at Hughes in the book *Hughes After Howard: The Story of the Hughes Aircraft Company*, which was published in 2011. His desire to motivate young minds led him to give many scholarships throughout the country, including Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts and the University of Southern California.

Sources:

Ralph Vartabedian, "Hughes Aircraft Names Richardson as President," Los Angeles Times, last modified December 5, 1989, <http://articles.latimes.com/keyword/d-kenneth-richardson>.

David Davis, "Ken Richardson ('59) Credits Creativity for the success of Hughes Aircraft," UCLAAnderson, last modified April 3, 2013, <https://www.anderson.ucla.edu/media-relations/2013/ken-richardson>.

D. Kenneth Richardson "48 Learning Lab Opens, Punahou Communications Staff," last modified February 26, 2018, <https://www.punahou.edu/news/post/~board/migrated-news>.

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## Arrangement

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Material is arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Collection was donated in 2011 by D. Kenneth Richardson; accession number 2011-15.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Joyce Moore in 2018 as part of an archival backlog elimination project. Joyce Moore reboxed and arranged the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

David Rea Collection of Howard Hughes Publicity Photographs, 1940s-1980. PH-00400. Special Collections and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hughes Electronic Corporation, 1935-2003. MS-00485. Special Collections and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Howard Hughes Public Relations Records, 1930-1990. MS-00380. Special Collections and Archives, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada

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## Names and Subjects

- Speeches, addresses, etc., American -- History and criticism
- photographs
- Aerospace engineering
- Engineering teachers
- Airplanes
- Hughes Tool Company
- Hughes Aircraft Company

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Administrative chart for the Hughes Tool Company, 1950	box 01
Board of Directors, Hughes Aircraft Executive Organizational chart, 1960	box 01
Correspondence relating to Hughes Aircraft Company, 1952-1995	box 01
Hughes Aircraft Company, history chart, 1952-1995	box 01
Hughes marketing materials, newspaper articles, and publications, 1960-1962, 1978, 1985, and undated	box 01
Hughes News, 1955 October 7, 1985 April 5, 1991 December 9	box 02
Matthews, Dr. Warren, The Personality and Management Orientation of the Hughes Aircraft Company, undated Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs	box 02
Meeting notes, of the executive committee, Hughes Aircraft Company, 1987-1990	box 02
Photographs of scanner prototypes, 1978	box 02
Published papers written by D. Kenneth Richardson, 1960-1968	box 02
R and D Productivity: An Investigation of Ways to Valuate and Improve Productivity in Technical-Based Organizations, published by the Hughes Aircraft Company, 1978	box 02
Speeches given by D. Kenneth Richardson, 1991 January-1993 January	box 02
Speeches given by D. Kenneth Richardson, 1974-1991	box 03
Speeches given by D. Kenneth Richardson, 1988-1989	box 04
Tomcat News, bulletins, incomplete 1972-1985	box 04
Various publications on aviation and engineering, 1970-1973	box 04

Various publications, newspaper clippings, and articles about the Hughes Aircraft Company, 2001, 2011, and undated      box 04