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Milton Lehman (1917-1966) was a free-lance writer, contributing about 250 articles to national magazines such as Saturday Evening Post, Life, Reader’s Digest, McCall’s, Look, The York Times, and other periodicals, books and newspapers. He wrote a biography of Robert H. Goddard that was published in 1963. He was helped throughout the seven year writing process by Esther C. Goddard, Goddard’s wife, who supplied him with transcripts of Goddard’s notes, notebooks, diaries, reports and correspondence and with photographs of his work as well as her own recollections. Lehman interviewed people from all parts of Goddard’s life; his childhood, schooling, early Clark teaching career, Roswell experiments and final years consulting to the Navy. He also obtained copies of the correspondence between the Smithsonian Institution and Goddard from the Smithsonian’s archives.

In 1997 Lehman’s widow sent his files to Clark University. The papers, comprising three linear feet, consist of typescripts from the tapes of his many interviews, copies of Goddard’s papers and correspondence, clippings, and lists and commentary supplied by Esther C. Goddard. For instance, she gave him typed excerpts from Goddard’s letters to her which do not appear in the Goddard papers. The papers are arranged in Lehman’s order in which he created a number to different subject breakdowns, B-5 for bibliography, B-20 for letters, B-25 for interviews, etc. As well as this subject breakdown, Lehman also had a chronological category for the years from 1912 to 1940 (B-30). In these folders he was apt to keep copies of Goddard’s correspondence, transcripts from his diaries, clippings, parts of his interviews, or anything that seemed particularly pertinent to those years. At the time that the tapes of his interviews were transcribed, multiple copies were made and so interview material can be found not only in the interview section but also in the more general files such as “concepts,” background,” or “rockets.”

Additional correspondence between Milton Lehman and Esther Goddard can be found in Mrs. Goddard’s papers.

BOX 1  General Correspondence and miscellaneous  
Manuscript Correspondence  
Testimony of Milton Lehman before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee  
  On Antitrust and Monopoly., June 17, 1965  
RHG Friends, List and Comments B-1.00  
RHG Bibliography B-5.02 (Folder 1)  
RHG Bibliography B-5.02 (Folder 2)  
RHG Index, Rkt. Chron. B-5.03  
1962-63, RHG, CHX Bibliography (Folder 1)  
1962-63, RHG, CHX Bibliography (Folder 2)  
RHG Concepts, Atomic Energy B- 10.10  
RHG Concepts, Solar Energy B- 10.20  
RHG Concepts, Space Travel B-10.30
RHG Concepts
RHG Tributes
RHG Inventions, Rocket. Miscellaneous B- 15.05
RHG Inventions, Rocket Patents (Miscellaneous) B- 15.15
RHG Letters, Miscellaneous B-20.00
RHG Letters, ECG-RHG B-20.10, 1925-41

BOX 2
RHG Background, Miscellaneous B-23.10
RHG Background, Worcester B-23.20
RHG Background, Roswell, N.M. B-23.40
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.00 ECG (Folder 1)
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.00 ECG (Folder 2)
RHG Life, interviews, B-25.02 ECG correspondence ML
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.04 ECG+ ML- Miscellany
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.05 Price, Wesley
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.10 AB
    Adams, Prof. Francis J. (contacted - no response)
    Alden, Dr. Howard H.
    Smith, Dr. John E. (together with Alden)
    Beauregard, Henry G.
    Beck, Mr. Robert (contacted - no response)
    Bellais, Charles E.
    Benner, Clyde F.
    Bennett, Sheriff William A. (concerning contact with
        Franklin B. Durfee)
    Bennett, Mrs. William A. (Nellie)
    Berglund, Elsie (Mrs. Carl Berglund)
    Brackett, Mrs. Haven D. (contacted - no response)
    Brandenburg, Dr. Samuel J.
    Brice, Judge C.R. (contacted - no response)
    Brook, Dr. Charles F.
    Hunt, Thomas F. (referred by Charles F. Brooks)
    Bullock, Jesse L.

RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.15 CD
    Carleton, Herbert M. (contacted - no response)
    Carter, L. Herbert
    Chillson, Charles W.
    Clark, Edith
    Collins, Frederick A.
    Cooper, Benjamin
    Cooper, Merian C.
    Cooper, William H. (contacted - no response)
    Crompton, George (contacted - no response)
    Daley, Chas (contacted - no response)
    Dodd, Dr. Loring H.
Dodd, Senator Thomas J.
Dornberger, Dr. Walter (contacted - no response)
Dow, Dr. Richard B.
Duffield, Mrs. Barry
Durant, Frederick C.
Durfee, Franklin B.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.20 EF
Edson, Dr. James
Ellsworth, Philip F.
Emme, Eugene M.
Erickson, Roland
Falconi, Mrs. Louis (Eunice Falconi)
Farnum, Dr. Walter W.
Fleming, Dr. J. A. (contacted - deceased)
Flint Jr., Edward F.
Francisco, Ed
Frazie, Elliott P.
Fullen, Mrs. L.O. (contacted - no response)
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.25 GH
Garber, Paul Edward
Garbutt, Ralph (contacted - no response)
Gordo, Mr. And Mrs. Emanuel
Gray, Mrs. Frank L. (Dora Gray)
Green, Mrs. H. Shepley (Elizabeth Maynard Green)
Haggard, William
Haley, Andrew G.
Hapgood, Ernest A. T.
Hastings, Russell B.
Heinlein, Robert A.
Helfers, Lt. Col. M.C.
Hemenway, Russell G.
Hicks, Rev. Clarence O.
Higgins, Donald E.
Higgins, John W.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.30 IJ
Johnson, Anna
Judson, Lewis V.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.35 KL
Kendall, H. Clayton
Kerbey, McFall
Keyes, Amy Garst
Knight, Prof. A. J.
Koerner, Col. Eldon A.
Kray, Raymond H.
Larson, Carl (“Charlie”) L.
Lawrence Jr., Lovell
Legg, Marian C.
Lidstone, Hilda
Liljehook, Albin
Little, Dean Homer P.
Little, James
Lowe, Maj. Gen. Frank E.
Lusser, Robert

RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.40 MN
Malina, Dr. Frank J.
Marcy, Mr. And Mrs. Fred W.
Marshall, S. H.
Masius, Dr. Morton
McKeon, William D. (contacted - no response)
Medaris, Maj. Gen. John B.
Melvill, Carey
Merigold, Dr. Benjamin S.
Merriam, Kenneth G.
Meyer, Col. Leo J.
Michal, Mrs. Aristotle D.
Miller, Allen B.
Mille, Fred S.
Millikan, Dr. Clark
Molt
Mossman, Mrs. Burton C. (Ruth S. Mossman)
Mowry, Emily Wardwell (Mrs. Nelson Mowry)
Murphy, Francis
Murph, J. J.
Nafe, Dr. and Mrs. John Paul
Nelson, A. Peter
Newlan, Irl
Nichols, Herbert B.
Nicholas, Mary
Nusbaum, Hans

RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.45 OP
Olds, Effie
Orth, Commander Jewett
Packard, Roland A.
Palser, G. Norman
Parker, Henry C.
Parkes, Jr., Alanson W.
Parkhurst, Douglas L.
Parks, G. Hapgood
Pearson, Col. D. C.
Peck, Dr. E. B.
Porter, Richard W.
Powers, John S.
Powers, Inez W.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.50 QRS
Randolph, Mrs. Charles B.
Rankin, Alfred E.
Riley, Arthur J.
Robinett, Brig. Gen. P. M.
Rodden, Jack
Rosen, Milton W.
Rudolph, Arthur
Ruttiman, Alfred
Sanborne, John
Sanchez, Calistro
Sautels, Herbert
Schilling, Dr. Martin
Seifert, Dr. Howard S. (contacted - no response)
Sessums, John W.
Sheets, John
Simon, Maj. Gen. Leslie E.
Simonds, Donald
Simonds, Mr. and Mrs. William H.
Simpson, Claude
Sleeper, L. Maxwell
Smith, Avery
Smith, Dr. John E.
Scamersk, Martin
Squir, Sidney L.
Starr, Maj. Dwight L.
Stewart, Tony
Stiff, R. C. (contacted - no response)
Stine, Harry
Stowell, Harold T.
Stuhlinger, Dr. Ernst
Summerfield, Martin

BOX 3 RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.55 TU
Thomas, Grace Howe (Mrs. Leon I. Thomas)
Thomas, Shirley
Thompson, Dr. Harry
Toftoy, Gen. H. N. - see also Von Braun, B-25.75
True, Walter F. (contacted - no response)
Tuson, Harold (contacted - no response)

RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.60 VW
Verville, Alfred
Wachlin, Mrs. Charles (contacted - no response)
Wahlstrom, Judge Carl E.
Waite, Alma
Ward, Asa
Wentworth, Chester K.
Whit, Lawrence B.
White, Oscar (contacted - no response)
Whittemore, Mrs. R. L. D.
Wilkerson, D. C.
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison
Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs.
Winston, Donald
Wood, Dr. Richard K.
Woodbury, Mrs. John S. (Irene C. Woodbury)
Woodbury, Harold D.
Woodward, George W.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.65 XYZ
Youngquis, Robertson
Zeeveld, Mrs. Herbert E.
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Abbot, Dr. Chas G.
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Africano
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Aldrin, E.E.
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Andrews, Mrs. Calvin
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Atwoods
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Barnes, A. F.
RHG Life, Interviews. B-25.75 Blakeslee, Edward W.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Bode, George
Cartoons & Captions, George Bode, with Portrait
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Bolster, Adm. Calvin M.
RHG Life, Interviews, B 25.75 Boushey
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Col. Breckinridge
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Brown [Kenneth?]
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Campbell, Al
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Coffman, B.F.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25-75 Cole, Dr. Wm. and Mrs.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Collins, Arthur
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Crandall
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Crile, Herman
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Dow, Richard
RHG Life, Interviews, B- 25.75 Driscoll, Col. John J.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Fahrney
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Fischer, C.F.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Gernsback, Hugo
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Gladding, G. Roger
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Gore, William L.
RHG Life, Interviews, B-25.75 Guggenheim, Harry
Biographical Information About Harry Frank Guggenheim
RHG Life, Interviews B-25.75 Hawley, C.T.
Personal bits from Hawley Correspondence
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RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Horgan, Paul
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  House, William C.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Hurd, Peter
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  “Mr. Jones”
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Lindbergh, C.A.
Lindbergh Correspondence
Interview with Charles Lindbergh
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Ljunquist, N. T. (Oley)
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Mansur, Charles W.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Marley, May Corn
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Marshall, Samuel H.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Maxwell, James A.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Nafe, John P.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Nichols, Henry A.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Oberth, H
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Pendray, G. Edward
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Randall, Lowell N.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Riﬀolt, Nils
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Roote, Percy M.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Roys, Francis W.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Sachs, Henry
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Samson, Henry E.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Skinner, Col. Leslie A.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Stimson, Dr. Harold F.
RGH Life, Interviews: B-25.75  Thompson, L.T. E.
RGH Life, Interviews: B-25.75  Truax, Cdr. Robert. C.
RGH Life, Interviews: B-25.75  Tuson, Harold E.
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Von Karman, Theodore
RGH Life, Interviews, B-25.75  Winston, Donald
RGH Life, Chron. - B-30.-1912-1916
RGH Life, Chron. - B-30.-1920
RGH Life, Chron. - B-30.-1926
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RGH Life, Chron. - B-30.-1938
RGH Life, Chron. - B 30.-1939
RGH Life, Chron. - B-30.-1940
RGH Life, Chron. - Orbits, Biogs., Evaluations B-30.05 (Folder 1)
RGH Life, Chron. - Orbits, Biogs., Evaluations B-30.05 (Folder 2)
RGH, Orgs, Goddard Space Flight Center B 35.29
RGH, Orgs, Smithsonian institution B-35.70 [1916, 1917]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [January - May 1918]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [June - December 1918]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1919, 1920]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1923, 1924]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1925]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1926]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1927]
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RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1930, 1931]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1932, 1933]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1934, 1935]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1936, 1937]
RHG, Orgs, Smithsonian Institution B-35.70 [1938, 1960]
RHG, Orgs.- White Sands P.G. B- 35.80 [Article and Correspondence]
RHG, Orgs. - Worcester Polytechnic Institute B- 35.85 [includes RHG’s transcript]

BOX 6
RHG Patents + Priorities, B-40.10
RHG Patents, (1) Diagrams 5 key RHG patents- from Lehman (2) and photo identifying Parts Rockets at Roswell (3) Comparison RHG rocket +German V-2
RHG Rockets, influence on US Rocket Development B 70.05
RHG Rockets, Bazooka B-70.20
RHG Rockets, B-70.70
“History of German Guided Missiles” (Ordnances Research and Development Translation Center)
“The Development of the Rocket Section of the Army Ordinance Office in the years 1930 to 1943.” By Maj. Gen. Dr. Ing. e. h. Dornberger
“The Assisted Take-off of Aircraft” by Calvin M. Bolster
“Twenty-five Years of Rocket Development” by Howard S. Seifert
RHG Research, B-80.00
RHG Writings, Outline 10 year program, B-80.40

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