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00:00:05,510 --> 00:00:03,350  
i think we're just about ready to start

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00:00:07,430 --> 00:00:05,520  
our first afternoon panel

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00:00:09,270 --> 00:00:07,440  
my name is steve garber from the nasa

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00:00:11,430 --> 00:00:09,280  
history program office

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00:00:13,589 --> 00:00:11,440  
i'm delighted to have four really

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00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:13,599  
distinguished panelists most of whom you

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00:00:17,189 --> 00:00:15,599  
probably know already and need no

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00:00:19,189 --> 00:00:17,199  
introduction

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00:00:22,870 --> 00:00:19,199  
we're going to have a slate of excellent

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00:00:23,830 --> 00:00:22,880  
talks about the early years of the naca

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00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:23,840  
and

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00:00:30,790 --> 00:00:28,720  
titles of the presenters papers in your

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00:00:32,389 --> 00:00:30,800

materials so let me just try and tell

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00:00:34,150 --> 00:00:32,399

you one or two things about each speaker

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:34,160

that maybe you don't know

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debbie douglas

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got a phd

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from

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the university of pennsylvania

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in and has been at the mit museum since

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will the

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um first slide come up automatically

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so first thank you to all the organizers

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i have this sense of

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a morning of crowdsourcing the history

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of the naca and that each of us are

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:19,759

telling the story with uh just a

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00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:22,000

slightly different perspective and i've

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:24,080

been picking up interesting

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00:01:27,590 --> 00:01:26,400

facts from each of the talks so i hope

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that

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mine will add a couple more details

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:32,479

to that

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:35,119

larger narrative

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00:01:38,830 --> 00:01:37,280

i want to begin by

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00:01:43,429 --> 00:01:38,840

making this simple

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00:01:47,590 --> 00:01:45,830

which is this do you ever think that you

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00:01:49,830 --> 00:01:47,600

know a story

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00:01:52,230 --> 00:01:49,840

only to have it completely rearrange

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00:01:54,870 --> 00:01:52,240

itself when a single

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element is added

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in this short talk today relates to one

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such example

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it's

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i thought i knew the story about

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bringing aerodynamics

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to america

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and that changed when i encountered

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let's see if we can get this to

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there you go

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this is a uh national physical

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:28,160

laboratory designed wind tunnel balance

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it was manufactured by the cambridge

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scientific instrument company

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and it was purchased and installed in

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mit's first reel meaning purpose-built

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wind tunnel in 1914

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it is a amazing instrument

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and the historian william trimble argued

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that the mit wind tunnel and its balance

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represents one of the most important

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examples of technology transfer from

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europa to the us

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but its status as a sacred artifact is

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extremely recent we almost junked it

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00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:04,000

observed mit professor mark drala

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privately after i gave a short talk to

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mit aerospace notables last fall

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it is my hope that in this short

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presentation

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i might convince you of its historic

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significance and that it will seem to

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00:03:21,910 --> 00:03:19,680

you useful

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in important ways to understanding the

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00:03:30,560 --> 00:03:34,309

whoops

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00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:37,670

so in his 1914 president's report

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richard mclaren the great thing about

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this talk is you've already been

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introduced to many of these people so

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richard cockburn mclaurin was the

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president of mit he started in 1909 he

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00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:49,280

was 39 years old

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he had never administered anything he'd

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:53,519

never been a department chairman a dean

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or anything and so it was an enormous

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gamble to bring him to

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mit

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precisely at the point when the

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institute was in enormous upheaval

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it was

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bursting at the seams at its location in

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downtown boston

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financially it was a mess they had

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thought they could rectify that by

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merging with harvard university uh that

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had failed when the supreme judicial

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court of massachusetts had um

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00:04:30,629 --> 00:04:28,479

ruled against this particular

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merger or acquisition i guess you could

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call it by harvard of mit so it was a

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00:04:37,350 --> 00:04:35,759  
mess and then comes this guy richard

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00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:37,360  
mclaren

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00:04:40,870 --> 00:04:39,520  
who turns out to be a brilliant

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administrator

105  
00:04:47,670 --> 00:04:42,960  
and he

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00:04:49,909 --> 00:04:47,680  
was also very canny in his

107  
00:04:51,909 --> 00:04:49,919  
selection of fields that he thought had

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00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:51,919  
great promise fields that he thought the

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00:04:57,590 --> 00:04:55,600  
institute should develop curriculum in

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00:05:00,070 --> 00:04:57,600  
and aeronautical engineering and

111  
00:05:04,469 --> 00:05:00,080  
aeronautics and flight was one of those

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00:05:07,189 --> 00:05:04,479  
fields and he wrote this uh in his 1914

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00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:07,199

report mere descriptive lectures dealing

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with aerial flight in general and and in

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a popular manner would be out of place

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in the curricula of the institute an

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aeronautical engineer cannot be trained

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by such lectures

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what he needs is a carefully planned

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course in the theory and practice of

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aircraft design

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to make this possible mclaren continued

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in a way worthy of the institute's

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traditions it will be necessary to have

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a properly equipped laboratory for

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00:05:40,710 --> 00:05:38,320  
experimentation and research in certain

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subjects not dealt with in the existing

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00:05:45,510 --> 00:05:43,280  
laboratories of the institute so this

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00:05:48,870 --> 00:05:45,520  
structure that you see depicted on the

130  
00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:48,880  
screen is mit's first wind tunnel and it

131  
00:05:53,430 --> 00:05:51,280  
became the centerpiece of the new mit

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00:05:57,670 --> 00:05:53,440  
aerodynamic laboratory that was

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00:05:58,629 --> 00:05:57,680  
constructed in the summer of 1914.

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now

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fun carmen and before max monk of giants

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00:06:10,469 --> 00:06:08,080  
in the history of aerodynamics the

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00:06:11,909 --> 00:06:10,479  
subject of many important books

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00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:11,919

were

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these two fellows that you have

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already met albert zam and jerome

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hunsicker

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theory and practice are um

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is a hearty perennial in the history of

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technology

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uh i think the story of bringing

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aerodynamics uh

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aerodynamic theory to the u.s has been

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well told by many authors some of whom

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are in this room

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paul hanley takashimoto john anderson

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00:06:45,510 --> 00:06:42,400  
bloor alex roland and jim hansen

152  
00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:45,520  
chronicle in exceptional and outstanding

153  
00:06:49,990 --> 00:06:48,000  
and fascinating detail how the u.s

154  
00:06:52,469 --> 00:06:50,000  
borrowed from the british advisory

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00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:52,479  
committee for aeronautics

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00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:54,960  
how we've heard this morning all of the

157  
00:07:00,390 --> 00:06:58,080  
nuances of the creation of the naca but

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00:07:02,950 --> 00:07:00,400  
what we've not spent much time on is

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00:07:05,909 --> 00:07:02,960  
early pedagogy and how this too is

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profoundly shaped by the european

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00:07:12,230 --> 00:07:09,039  
experience so the two key figures here

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00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:12,240  
on the left is albert albert francis sam

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00:07:17,670 --> 00:07:15,039

and jerome clark hunsaker i'd like to

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00:07:19,670 --> 00:07:17,680

give a shout out to felix powelski who

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,680

initiated the university of michigan's

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undergraduate aeronautical engineering

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program in the fall of 1914 as well

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now again you've already learned zam and

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clark spent august and september of 1913

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touring europe to meet with the leaders

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of the field and quote learning at first

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hand what is being done at the centers

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of research now i'll quibble with tom a

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little bit zam as far as i understand

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was the senior partner on this trip and

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hunsaker went because mclaren wanted him

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to go mclaren had just had seen a great

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deal of success the u.s navy ran a

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postgraduate training program for naval

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engineering naval architecture and

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maritime design it's called course 13 in

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mit

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and uh he thought the navy paid a great

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deal of money to the institute

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to run this

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graduate training program and master's

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degree program and he thought wouldn't

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it be great to do that with aeronautics

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as well

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so uh he

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he urged

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that

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hunsaker be invited along on this trip

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now you've seen some of these pictures

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before

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this is zam's laboratory and wind tunnel

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at the catholic university of america

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and maybe you've picked up this morning

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that

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unlike chanute or really any of the uh

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00:08:49,670 --> 00:08:47,120  
you know giants in the early

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area of aeronautical research zam is the

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one that has academic degrees

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in this who actually uh did

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undergraduate graduate uh

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you know his master's in and uh ph.d

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training where the subject of his

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investigations was

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flight he built and tested models and

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improvised wind tunnels in the 1880s and

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90s that apparently was quite common

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there were students at mit in the mid

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1890s who also

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commandeered they took the ventilation

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system uh created a little channel in

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one of the ductwork they shut down the

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ventilation in the entire uh

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building and so that all the air might

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be channeled through this one vent shaft

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and

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so there were several undergraduate

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theses that uh used um these improv

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improvised wind tunnel here

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um obviously as you know zam was a

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tireless advocate he wrote numerous

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articles but his focus was on the

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establishment of a national laboratory

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what you don't find in all of these

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research and writings is any discussion

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about teaching

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about making the next generation of

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students

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by contrast jerome hunsaker made

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engineering education his primary focus

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in fact that's he was detailed by the

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u.s navy to mit precisely to create a

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formal educational

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curriculum uh now many in this room well

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half of this room probably knows that

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mit started its life in boston and moved

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to cambridge where you see

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here this is an aerial taken in 1917 so

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it's just you see the beginnings of

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development in the famous uh dome there

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in the front and what you see circled in

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red there in the sort of left middle is

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a

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structure

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that became the

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home of the mit aeronautics laboratory

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so mit moved officially to cambridge in

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1916.

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construction started in 1913 but the

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00:11:03,670 --> 00:11:01,200  
first

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00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:03,680  
sort of academic or research endeavor on

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00:11:09,590 --> 00:11:07,120  
the cambridge site was the erin eridan

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00:11:13,590 --> 00:11:09,600  
excuse me aerodynamics laboratory and

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00:11:16,710 --> 00:11:13,600  
it's in that building that you uh see

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00:11:21,190 --> 00:11:19,509  
now charles wolcott who you again have

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00:11:23,110 --> 00:11:21,200  
also heard

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00:11:25,670 --> 00:11:23,120  
a lot about this morning and as a

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crucial figure to this story wrote in

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his letter of introduction for zam and

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hunsaker

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in the summer of 1913 that they were

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quote visiting europe for the purpose of

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studying aerodynamical laboratories near

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london paris and gottingen to obtain

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information concerning the latest

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developments in instruments methods and

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resources used and contemplated for the

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prosecution of scientific aeronautical

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investigations

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richard mclaren

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had written to his dear friend and

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colleague richard glazebrook who was the

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director of the national physical

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laboratory in teddington that's what you

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see pic depicted here on the screen with

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00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:08,720

a special request

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00:12:11,670 --> 00:12:10,800

he asked that

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00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:11,680

uh

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00:12:19,110 --> 00:12:14,320

the national physical laboratory extend

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00:12:22,870 --> 00:12:19,120

a special welcome uh to uh hunsaker um

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00:12:26,870 --> 00:12:22,880

including him in actual experiments and

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00:12:29,430 --> 00:12:26,880

um to perhaps uh provide him detailed

288

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:29,440

information on their facilities

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00:12:33,590 --> 00:12:31,200

glaze brook and his colleagues were

290

00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:33,600

unstinting in their assistance and they

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00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:36,399

provided plans for their four-foot wind

292

00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:38,880

channel as they called it this was the

293

00:12:44,150 --> 00:12:41,440

second generation

294

00:12:46,230 --> 00:12:44,160

wind tunnel that they had built in it

295

00:12:48,230 --> 00:12:46,240

they invited hunsaker to spend time

296

00:12:51,030 --> 00:12:48,240

learning the practical details of its

297

00:12:53,430 --> 00:12:51,040

operation and use most especially the

298

00:12:55,590 --> 00:12:53,440

techniques involving quote specially

299

00:12:58,389 --> 00:12:55,600

designed weighing the the specially

300

00:13:01,110 --> 00:12:58,399

designed weighing mechanism by means of

301  
00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:01,120  
which the forces and moments acting on a

302  
00:13:06,389 --> 00:13:03,600  
model whether of an airplane wing or of

303  
00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:06,399  
an entire airplane in any presentation

304  
00:13:14,240 --> 00:13:17,750  
let's

305  
00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:20,310  
so jerome hunsaker donald douglas and

306  
00:13:24,310 --> 00:13:22,000  
edward warner there are two names we

307  
00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,320  
haven't heard edward warner and donald

308  
00:13:28,790 --> 00:13:26,560  
douglas mentioned yet so remember them

309  
00:13:30,389 --> 00:13:28,800  
they're important to this larger

310  
00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:30,399  
narrative that we're constructing

311  
00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:33,120  
together built this uh wind tunnel that

312  
00:13:37,670 --> 00:13:35,680  
you see on the left and you had seen

313  
00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:37,680

earlier the

314

00:13:42,710 --> 00:13:39,920

they wrote to the cambridge scientific

315

00:13:43,910 --> 00:13:42,720

instrument company asked them

316

00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:43,920

to build

317

00:13:48,710 --> 00:13:45,600

that bronze balance you saw at the

318

00:13:51,829 --> 00:13:48,720

beginning this entire facility

319

00:13:55,189 --> 00:13:51,839

the the the shed the wind tunnel the

320

00:13:59,750 --> 00:13:55,199

balance um costs 2500

321

00:14:01,910 --> 00:13:59,760

or about 59 000 in today's money and

322

00:14:03,269 --> 00:14:01,920

just to make a comparison a year later i

323

00:14:04,470 --> 00:14:03,279

think

324

00:14:06,629 --> 00:14:04,480

somebody mentioned the first

325

00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:06,639

appropriation for the naca was five

326

00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:08,959

thousand dollars so just to give you a

327

00:14:14,310 --> 00:14:12,000

little sense of scale of expenditures

328

00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:14,320

now hunsaker's famous paper which you

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00:14:20,150 --> 00:14:17,360

this um is

330

00:14:22,710 --> 00:14:20,160

this slide shows uh the wind tunnel the

331

00:14:25,030 --> 00:14:22,720

massachusetts institute of technology uh

332

00:14:29,670 --> 00:14:25,040

published actually by the smithsonian in

333

00:14:33,910 --> 00:14:32,310

jim hansen did that in his uh great

334

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:33,920

volume that many of the people here in

335

00:14:38,550 --> 00:14:36,480

this room worked on um

336

00:14:40,790 --> 00:14:38,560

but what's forgotten is that hunsaker's

337

00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:40,800

paper was one of ten based on

338

00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:43,760

preliminary investigations made

339

00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:46,079

in the tunnel during its initial period

340

00:14:49,509 --> 00:14:46,800

of

341

00:14:51,430 --> 00:14:49,519

operation in 1914

342

00:14:53,509 --> 00:14:51,440

in 1915.

343

00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:53,519

it wasn't an exact reproduction of the

344

00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:55,040

npl tunnel

345

00:14:59,509 --> 00:14:56,959

hunsaker notes that they chose to

346

00:15:02,150 --> 00:14:59,519

increase its length and diameter based

347

00:15:04,389 --> 00:15:02,160

on the experiences of gustav eiffel in

348

00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:04,399

the design and operation of eiffel's

349

00:15:10,389 --> 00:15:06,560

wind tunnel in paris

350

00:15:17,030 --> 00:15:13,750

here that um

351  
00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:17,040  
mit had commissioned this balance uh

352  
00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:18,720  
according to the standards and they

353  
00:15:23,910 --> 00:15:21,600  
invited the national physical laboratory

354  
00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:23,920  
staff verified the weights and

355  
00:15:27,670 --> 00:15:25,760  
dimensions of the balance they count and

356  
00:15:29,590 --> 00:15:27,680  
the calibration of the torsion wire so

357  
00:15:32,310 --> 00:15:29,600  
there was quite a bit of exchange as

358  
00:15:35,269 --> 00:15:32,320  
they were installing and bringing this

359  
00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:35,279  
tunnel online what the mit personnel had

360  
00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:37,120  
to do was figure out how to use it and

361  
00:15:42,150 --> 00:15:40,160  
what problems uh might be worthy it

362  
00:15:43,990 --> 00:15:42,160  
might be worth studying in it and

363  
00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:44,000

finally most importantly how to teach

364

00:15:49,189 --> 00:15:47,199

students to use it and to do that again

365

00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:49,199

next year and the year after and the

366

00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,069

jumping here

367

00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:02,160

edward pearson warner who had helped

368

00:16:08,069 --> 00:16:05,120

build that mit tunnel

369

00:16:11,430 --> 00:16:08,079

is hired in 1919 to be the chief

370

00:16:13,430 --> 00:16:11,440

physicist of the naca and one of his

371

00:16:14,790 --> 00:16:13,440

first big projects is to build the wind

372

00:16:17,110 --> 00:16:14,800

tunnel this is

373

00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:17,120

wind tunnel number one

374

00:16:22,389 --> 00:16:20,240

at langley field and if it looks

375

00:16:24,790 --> 00:16:22,399

familiar to you it should because it's

376

00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:24,800

built using the exact same plans from

377

00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:26,639

the national physical laboratory that

378

00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:28,480

were given to mit

379

00:16:33,670 --> 00:16:31,120

and this one shows the balance and

380

00:16:34,710 --> 00:16:33,680

likewise warner recommended using the

381

00:16:36,629 --> 00:16:34,720

same

382

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:36,639

national physical laboratory design

383

00:16:41,269 --> 00:16:38,720

balance he wrote

384

00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:41,279

in his technical report quote there is

385

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:43,360

no other so simple to use yet the

386

00:16:49,749 --> 00:16:46,000

accuracy attainable is as great as with

387

00:16:52,230 --> 00:16:49,759

any of the more complicated types

388

00:16:56,150 --> 00:16:52,240

now this picture just quickly shows you

389

00:16:57,910 --> 00:16:56,160

on the left the naca and on the right um

390

00:16:58,949 --> 00:16:57,920

the mit

391

00:17:00,949 --> 00:16:58,959

uh

392

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,959

balance and tunnel

393

00:17:04,549 --> 00:17:02,639

jim hanson has written that wind tunnel

394

00:17:06,630 --> 00:17:04,559

number one was really a learning tool

395

00:17:09,429 --> 00:17:06,640

something to get the united states back

396

00:17:11,270 --> 00:17:09,439

into aeronautical research um

397

00:17:13,429 --> 00:17:11,280

we've talked a lot about this feeling

398

00:17:16,390 --> 00:17:13,439

that the u.s was behind and it needed to

399

00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:16,400

catch up with europe i'm not certain

400

00:17:21,189 --> 00:17:18,959

uh we should i think maybe we should

401  
00:17:23,270 --> 00:17:21,199  
revisit that claim i think it's less

402  
00:17:25,189 --> 00:17:23,280  
about getting back and more about

403  
00:17:27,750 --> 00:17:25,199  
getting into

404  
00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:27,760  
and this uh wind tunnel was a crucial

405  
00:17:30,630 --> 00:17:28,799  
element

406  
00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:30,640  
uh in that

407  
00:17:36,310 --> 00:17:33,840  
process now warner norton conducted

408  
00:17:37,750 --> 00:17:36,320  
quite a few studies on this tunnel and

409  
00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:37,760  
they compared

410  
00:17:43,669 --> 00:17:40,160  
information with the you know using the

411  
00:17:45,990 --> 00:17:43,679  
naca they had tests done at mit and then

412  
00:17:49,110 --> 00:17:46,000  
lo and behold the curtis engineering

413  
00:17:52,310 --> 00:17:49,120

corporation had also built an and

414

00:17:55,029 --> 00:17:52,320

an npl designed wind tunnel and balance

415

00:17:57,830 --> 00:17:55,039

so now we have three um

416

00:18:00,390 --> 00:17:57,840

and what's really fun is david haas who

417

00:18:03,029 --> 00:18:00,400

i think is here from the navy

418

00:18:05,070 --> 00:18:03,039

mentioned oh by the way that the navy

419

00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:05,080

built in

420

00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:08,240

1918 a four foot tunnel also on the

421

00:18:11,909 --> 00:18:10,880

national physical laboratory's

422

00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:11,919

design

423

00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:14,559

they had built a larger tunnel earlier

424

00:18:17,669 --> 00:18:15,440

but

425

00:18:20,470 --> 00:18:17,679

and as this picture makes clear of that

426

00:18:21,990 --> 00:18:20,480

tunnel uh the navy's first wind tunnel

427

00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:22,000

is not

428

00:18:26,470 --> 00:18:25,440

an open throat wind tunnel uh so we have

429

00:18:30,070 --> 00:18:26,480

four

430

00:18:31,430 --> 00:18:30,080

and this is the uh balance from that uh

431

00:18:34,230 --> 00:18:31,440

wind tunnel

432

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:34,240

uh and i could go on revealing

433

00:18:38,950 --> 00:18:36,240

connection after connection but the

434

00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:38,960

point is this huntsacker did more than

435

00:18:42,390 --> 00:18:41,280

simply import a set of plans for wind

436

00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:42,400

tunnel

437

00:18:46,470 --> 00:18:44,720

balance that he helped set in motion the

438

00:18:48,470 --> 00:18:46,480

american aeronautical engineering

439

00:18:50,470 --> 00:18:48,480

enterprise and he figured out a way to

440

00:18:53,190 --> 00:18:50,480

make the curriculum compelling and

441

00:18:55,190 --> 00:18:53,200

useful and i i want to conclude with

442

00:18:57,430 --> 00:18:55,200

just this one

443

00:18:59,590 --> 00:18:57,440

two slides here

444

00:19:01,669 --> 00:18:59,600

this is menlo park

445

00:19:04,070 --> 00:19:01,679

and this is the national bureau of

446

00:19:06,710 --> 00:19:04,080

standards and tom crouch

447

00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:06,720

in quoting from hunter dupree made the

448

00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:09,360

observation that

449

00:19:14,870 --> 00:19:11,280

aeronautics was a little late in the

450

00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:14,880

game that uh corporate r d labs are out

451  
00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:17,520  
there government labs come into being

452  
00:19:23,909 --> 00:19:20,559  
and so i think it's really important to

453  
00:19:27,110 --> 00:19:23,919  
remember it when we tell this story to

454  
00:19:29,549 --> 00:19:27,120  
situate the naca in a larger world of

455  
00:19:33,510 --> 00:19:29,559  
corporate research of

456  
00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:33,520  
manufacturing and of the university and

457  
00:19:38,549 --> 00:19:36,400  
bruno latour and steve wolgar are famous

458  
00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:38,559  
sociologists of science and technology

459  
00:19:42,630 --> 00:19:39,840  
made this

460  
00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:42,640  
conclusion in their famous book lab life

461  
00:19:47,350 --> 00:19:44,880  
quote the daily activities of working

462  
00:19:49,990 --> 00:19:47,360  
scientists lead to the construction of

463  
00:19:51,909 --> 00:19:50,000

scientific facts so the construction of

464

00:19:54,070 --> 00:19:51,919

wind tunnels and aeronautical

465

00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:54,080

engineering research laboratories

466

00:19:58,390 --> 00:19:56,240

resulted in the creation of a

467

00:20:00,710 --> 00:19:58,400

pedagogical method and a cadre of

468

00:20:02,870 --> 00:20:00,720

researchers who in turn would reshape

469

00:20:06,070 --> 00:20:02,880

the world we live in not to mention

470

00:20:08,870 --> 00:20:06,080

provide access to worlds beyond so in

471

00:20:11,270 --> 00:20:08,880

order to bring aerodynamics to america

472

00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:11,280

you first had to bring aeronautical

473

00:20:14,549 --> 00:20:12,880

engineering

474

00:20:16,549 --> 00:20:14,559

and p.s

475

00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:16,559

what happened to that tunnel the balance

476  
00:20:21,350 --> 00:20:19,200  
that balance is the only remnant of all

477  
00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:21,360  
four tunnels this is the destruction of

478  
00:20:27,669 --> 00:20:24,720  
the mit tunnel in 1941 and as far as i

479  
00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:27,679  
know there is no other artifact

480  
00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:30,720  
from this formative period that survives

481  
00:20:44,870 --> 00:20:32,320  
so

482  
00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:47,029  
thank you debbie that was great

483  
00:20:51,909 --> 00:20:49,200  
for another look at mit we're going to

484  
00:20:55,430 --> 00:20:51,919  
turn to john tilco who has an

485  
00:20:58,149 --> 00:20:55,440  
interesting background john is both an

486  
00:21:00,830 --> 00:20:58,159  
aerospace engineer and now he's going

487  
00:21:03,590 --> 00:21:00,840  
back to get his phd in the

488  
00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:03,600

history of

489

00:21:17,510 --> 00:21:15,350

thank you and his pleasure to be here

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00:21:19,909 --> 00:21:17,520

today um i'm going to be talking about

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00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:19,919

three institutions that started

492

00:21:29,029 --> 00:21:27,430

naca which we're honoring today

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00:21:31,029 --> 00:21:29,039

but also the

494

00:21:32,630 --> 00:21:31,039

naval aviation

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00:21:35,669 --> 00:21:32,640

institution which effectively was

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00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:35,679

created around 1911 and and celebrated

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00:21:39,029 --> 00:21:37,440

its centennial

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00:21:41,510 --> 00:21:39,039

just a few years ago

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00:21:43,350 --> 00:21:41,520

and the mit aeronautics department which

500

00:21:46,870 --> 00:21:43,360

debbie has done a very good job of

501  
00:21:48,789 --> 00:21:46,880  
describing the initial formation of

502  
00:21:51,909 --> 00:21:48,799  
which we celebrated the centennial of

503  
00:21:53,270 --> 00:21:51,919  
just in october these three institutions

504  
00:21:55,430 --> 00:21:53,280  
are very

505  
00:21:57,270 --> 00:21:55,440  
intertwined in the way they interact

506  
00:21:59,350 --> 00:21:57,280  
with each other the way the graduates

507  
00:22:01,350 --> 00:21:59,360  
from the programs

508  
00:22:04,789 --> 00:22:01,360  
disseminate into industry but continue

509  
00:22:07,029 --> 00:22:04,799  
to work closely with both the navy and

510  
00:22:07,990 --> 00:22:07,039  
the naca and it effectively develops

511  
00:22:10,149 --> 00:22:08,000  
this

512  
00:22:11,350 --> 00:22:10,159  
axis of

513  
00:22:12,390 --> 00:22:11,360

mit

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00:22:13,350 --> 00:22:12,400

navy

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00:22:16,310 --> 00:22:13,360

naca

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00:22:18,710 --> 00:22:16,320

which is i think kind of a fundamental

517

00:22:21,909 --> 00:22:18,720

uh way to think about the evolution of

518

00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:21,919

this field as i looked back on it and i

519

00:22:25,669 --> 00:22:23,760

remember the days when jerome hunsaker

520

00:22:27,190 --> 00:22:25,679

was

521

00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:27,200

had an office in the aeronautics

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00:22:33,430 --> 00:22:31,120

department when i was an undergrad

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00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:33,440

i would have guessed it was all about

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00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:36,320

mit and the air force and and uh and the

525

00:22:40,310 --> 00:22:38,080

reality is that it's much more about

526

00:22:43,029 --> 00:22:40,320

these three institutions so i'll be

527

00:22:45,190 --> 00:22:43,039

talking about how they

528

00:22:47,750 --> 00:22:45,200

evolved the practice of aeronautical

529

00:22:50,230 --> 00:22:47,760

engineering in the united states and

530

00:22:52,870 --> 00:22:50,240

building upon the european foundation in

531

00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:52,880

applied mathematics

532

00:22:56,789 --> 00:22:54,720

which basically was responsible for

533

00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:56,799

solving the fundamental theory of

534

00:23:04,230 --> 00:22:58,320

circulation

535

00:23:05,909 --> 00:23:04,240

uh which ludwig prandtl evolved at

536

00:23:06,830 --> 00:23:05,919

gertengen and i know

537

00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:06,840

my

538

00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:09,360

colleague dr haley and we'll be talking

539

00:23:14,789 --> 00:23:12,000

much more about that

540

00:23:17,830 --> 00:23:14,799

as it comes to mit and the mit engineers

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00:23:20,470 --> 00:23:17,840

who who basically work in the navy and

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00:23:21,270 --> 00:23:20,480

the and the naca it's the combination of

543

00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:21,280

those

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00:23:26,230 --> 00:23:24,320

two threads of capability sort of the

545

00:23:29,110 --> 00:23:26,240

applied mathematics approach of

546

00:23:31,029 --> 00:23:29,120

gertengen and the ingenuity

547

00:23:33,430 --> 00:23:31,039

and design practice and empirical

548

00:23:35,990 --> 00:23:33,440

methods that the

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00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:36,000

largely mit trained engineers adopt in

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00:23:39,750 --> 00:23:38,240

the wind tunnels of the of the naca and

551  
00:23:42,070 --> 00:23:39,760  
this is the practice

552  
00:23:44,470 --> 00:23:42,080  
which i'm calling

553  
00:23:46,310 --> 00:23:44,480  
heterogeneous engineering

554  
00:23:48,830 --> 00:23:46,320  
which has been explored by people like

555  
00:23:51,669 --> 00:23:48,840  
john law and donald

556  
00:23:53,990 --> 00:23:51,679  
mackenzie it's also interesting to see

557  
00:23:56,470 --> 00:23:54,000  
this from the perspective of the first

558  
00:23:58,149 --> 00:23:56,480  
military industrial university complex

559  
00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:58,159  
many people have written about how this

560  
00:24:02,789 --> 00:24:01,120  
evolves after world war ii in response

561  
00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:02,799  
to the cold war it's actually a much

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00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:04,720  
earlier story that

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00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:07,120

basically is starting to involve evolve

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00:24:18,950 --> 00:24:16,230

the origins actually go back to

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00:24:22,230 --> 00:24:18,960

an event that occurs in england

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00:24:24,149 --> 00:24:22,240

when the royal navy college in greenwich

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00:24:26,630 --> 00:24:24,159

basically

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00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:26,640

the british parliament issues an edict

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00:24:32,470 --> 00:24:30,320

in 1896 preventing all foreign students

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00:24:34,630 --> 00:24:32,480

from being educated in that program and

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00:24:36,710 --> 00:24:34,640

this is where the naval academy

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00:24:39,430 --> 00:24:36,720

graduates were sent for their

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00:24:41,350 --> 00:24:39,440

postgraduate educations at the time

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00:24:44,310 --> 00:24:41,360

and so the navy goes into a period where

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00:24:46,630 --> 00:24:44,320

they try to figure out how to build a

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00:24:49,110 --> 00:24:46,640

practice of postgraduate education

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00:24:51,750 --> 00:24:49,120

initially considering the naval academy

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00:24:53,750 --> 00:24:51,760

is the right place to do that

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00:24:55,269 --> 00:24:53,760

and this is where mit steps in debbie

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00:24:56,789 --> 00:24:55,279

described the department of naval

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00:24:58,789 --> 00:24:56,799

architecture the graduate course for

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00:25:00,549 --> 00:24:58,799

naval construction and engineering known

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00:25:03,029 --> 00:25:00,559

as course 13a

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00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:03,039

this is really where the first

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00:25:08,950 --> 00:25:06,400

naval aviators who work in the practice

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00:25:10,549 --> 00:25:08,960

of aeronautical engineering uh in the in

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00:25:11,590 --> 00:25:10,559

the navy come from this is a picture of

588

00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:11,600

holden

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00:25:16,950 --> 00:25:15,679

richardson who graduates in 1907 is

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00:25:19,750 --> 00:25:16,960

considered to be

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00:25:21,590 --> 00:25:19,760

the navy's first engineering test pilot

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00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,600

it was described how he was on some of

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00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:23,279

the key committees

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00:25:27,990 --> 00:25:25,840

leading to the formation of the naca and

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00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:28,000

then was the navy's representative on

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00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:35,029

and i'll point out what's probably even

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00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:37,679

more significant is within a few

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00:25:43,430 --> 00:25:40,320

years the

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00:25:47,269 --> 00:25:43,440

that population of mit educated naval

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00:25:50,149 --> 00:25:47,279

officers at the outset of world war one

601  
00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:50,159  
63 of them would become naval officers

602  
00:25:53,669 --> 00:25:52,240  
working in the bureau of construction

603  
00:25:56,310 --> 00:25:53,679  
which is where the

604  
00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:56,320  
navy's aviation branch started so that

605  
00:26:01,830 --> 00:25:59,039  
was 75 percent of the

606  
00:26:03,990 --> 00:26:01,840  
of the officers in place in the in the

607  
00:26:06,149 --> 00:26:04,000  
uh in the navy's bureau of construction

608  
00:26:08,149 --> 00:26:06,159  
at the time

609  
00:26:10,630 --> 00:26:08,159  
so we've heard about richard mclaren

610  
00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:10,640  
i'll just add that two people arrive in

611  
00:26:15,350 --> 00:26:13,279  
the fall of 1909 at mit one is richard

612  
00:26:17,190 --> 00:26:15,360  
mclaren the other is jerome hunsaker and

613  
00:26:18,789 --> 00:26:17,200

it's actually a friendship between their

614

00:26:21,190 --> 00:26:18,799

wives that

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00:26:23,190 --> 00:26:21,200

bring the two of them together

616

00:26:25,350 --> 00:26:23,200

mclaren is actually interested in

617

00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:25,360

creating this first national

618

00:26:31,669 --> 00:26:28,799

aeronautical laboratory at mit

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00:26:33,430 --> 00:26:31,679

and as you've heard uh from this morning

620

00:26:35,510 --> 00:26:33,440

that runs into sort of political

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00:26:39,510 --> 00:26:35,520

problems both the navy

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00:26:42,789 --> 00:26:39,520

and and the smithsonian are both

623

00:26:45,510 --> 00:26:42,799

involved in as sponsors of research at

624

00:26:47,990 --> 00:26:45,520

mit so politically he looks for a

625

00:26:50,789 --> 00:26:48,000

compromise and that effectively becomes

626

00:26:54,390 --> 00:26:50,799

this idea of asking the navy

627

00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:54,400

to detail uh jerome hunsaker to mit

628

00:26:56,390 --> 00:26:55,279

which

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00:26:58,470 --> 00:26:56,400

uh

630

00:27:00,149 --> 00:26:58,480

starts after jerome hunsker completes

631

00:27:01,750 --> 00:27:00,159

his master's degree in the ocean

632

00:27:04,470 --> 00:27:01,760

engineering department

633

00:27:06,470 --> 00:27:04,480

and then uh goes on this tour of the

634

00:27:07,350 --> 00:27:06,480

european facilities it's a five-month

635

00:27:09,110 --> 00:27:07,360

tour

636

00:27:11,750 --> 00:27:09,120

they spent about a month working with

637

00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:11,760

eiffel in paris they go to gurtengen

638

00:27:15,110 --> 00:27:13,120

which is where really where he

639

00:27:15,990 --> 00:27:15,120

encounters ludwig prandtl for the first

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00:27:18,789 --> 00:27:16,000

time

641

00:27:20,389 --> 00:27:18,799

and then they go to the um to see the

642

00:27:22,149 --> 00:27:20,399

the british operation

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00:27:24,789 --> 00:27:22,159

and this is the period that i think is

644

00:27:27,830 --> 00:27:24,799

particularly important in the history of

645

00:27:31,269 --> 00:27:27,840

aeronautics because it's the

646

00:27:33,909 --> 00:27:31,279

debate that is ongoing about what is the

647

00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:33,919

basis for lyft so the wright brothers

648

00:27:39,029 --> 00:27:36,320

fly without the invention of

649

00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:39,039

uh aerodynamic lift theory that comes

650

00:27:43,269 --> 00:27:41,120

really in this debate between the

651  
00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:43,279  
british and the and the germans between

652  
00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:44,960  
cambridge university

653  
00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:47,120  
and guertingen

654  
00:27:52,149 --> 00:27:49,520  
that debate is covered in with a with

655  
00:27:52,950 --> 00:27:52,159  
great detail and and and exceedingly

656  
00:27:54,950 --> 00:27:52,960  
well

657  
00:27:57,269 --> 00:27:54,960  
in a book by um

658  
00:27:58,470 --> 00:27:57,279  
david bloor called enigma of the airfoil

659  
00:28:00,830 --> 00:27:58,480  
which really

660  
00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:00,840  
describes these competing

661  
00:28:07,350 --> 00:28:04,000  
ideologies competing methods of practice

662  
00:28:10,710 --> 00:28:07,360  
that ultimately result i would say the

663  
00:28:11,510 --> 00:28:10,720

the the key change event is in 1926 when

664

00:28:15,510 --> 00:28:11,520

the

665

00:28:17,909 --> 00:28:15,520

correct and invite ludwig prandtl to

666

00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:17,919

give a distinguished lecture

667

00:28:21,830 --> 00:28:20,000

about circulation lift there and about

668

00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:21,840

boundary layers

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00:28:25,350 --> 00:28:23,120

so

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00:28:27,909 --> 00:28:25,360

kind of jumping forward to what these

671

00:28:29,430 --> 00:28:27,919

guys accomplish and i'll just touch

672

00:28:31,430 --> 00:28:29,440

a little bit there's the wind tunnels

673

00:28:33,110 --> 00:28:31,440

debbie as described the picture on the

674

00:28:35,269 --> 00:28:33,120

left comes from the first master's

675

00:28:36,389 --> 00:28:35,279

degree thesis at mit

676

00:28:37,350 --> 00:28:36,399

um

677

00:28:39,190 --> 00:28:37,360

on

678

00:28:41,510 --> 00:28:39,200

with the sort of what i want to show you

679

00:28:43,830 --> 00:28:41,520

in this image is the idea that you put

680

00:28:45,029 --> 00:28:43,840

the entire airplane into the wind tunnel

681

00:28:47,029 --> 00:28:45,039

which is

682

00:28:49,590 --> 00:28:47,039

i'll touch on again

683

00:28:52,669 --> 00:28:49,600

in the talk this is

684

00:28:54,230 --> 00:28:52,679

jerome hunsicker's phd thesis

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00:28:57,430 --> 00:28:54,240

1916

686

00:28:59,510 --> 00:28:57,440

becomes nac technical report one and

687

00:29:01,350 --> 00:28:59,520

it's really interesting to look at this

688

00:29:02,789 --> 00:29:01,360

from a couple of standpoints first the

689

00:29:06,310 --> 00:29:02,799

naca

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00:29:08,470 --> 00:29:06,320

pays mit for jerome hunsaker and his

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00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:08,480

colleague edward b wilson to write this

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00:29:14,230 --> 00:29:11,279

report it's in two sections the hunsaker

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00:29:16,070 --> 00:29:14,240

section is basically the phd thesis and

694

00:29:18,789 --> 00:29:16,080

it's about stability and control it's

695

00:29:20,630 --> 00:29:18,799

about the process by which putting these

696

00:29:23,269 --> 00:29:20,640

models into the wind tunnels can be used

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00:29:25,350 --> 00:29:23,279

to describe to derive the

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00:29:27,110 --> 00:29:25,360

key performance characteristics of the

699

00:29:29,590 --> 00:29:27,120

airplanes and that's an example that's

700

00:29:31,830 --> 00:29:29,600

figure 3 that shows

701  
00:29:33,510 --> 00:29:31,840  
the detail of how these

702  
00:29:35,190 --> 00:29:33,520  
performance curves

703  
00:29:37,110 --> 00:29:35,200  
are actually

704  
00:29:38,549 --> 00:29:37,120  
calculated and that becomes i think the

705  
00:29:41,750 --> 00:29:38,559  
model for these

706  
00:29:43,830 --> 00:29:41,760  
future nasa naca technical

707  
00:29:46,389 --> 00:29:43,840  
reports probably what's even more

708  
00:29:48,789 --> 00:29:46,399  
important is the co-author that second

709  
00:29:52,149 --> 00:29:48,799  
section is written by edwin b wilson who

710  
00:29:54,630 --> 00:29:52,159  
basically was an applied mathematician

711  
00:29:57,190 --> 00:29:54,640  
starts at mit in 1907

712  
00:29:58,789 --> 00:29:57,200  
tutors hunsaker for three years in

713  
00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:58,799

mathematics

714

00:30:03,990 --> 00:30:01,279

helps him with his thesis and co-authors

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00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:04,000

this critical report and effectively

716

00:30:09,669 --> 00:30:06,399

that applied mathematics perspective is

717

00:30:11,269 --> 00:30:09,679

what you really see evolving much more

718

00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:11,279

in a complete way

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00:30:16,710 --> 00:30:13,600

in germany and and england leading to

720

00:30:20,830 --> 00:30:16,720

the circulation lift theory adoption

721

00:30:25,430 --> 00:30:22,549

engineers

722

00:30:27,110 --> 00:30:25,440

are very clever in the way they create

723

00:30:29,430 --> 00:30:27,120

airplanes and the way they create

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00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:29,440

companies and this is the first

725

00:30:33,190 --> 00:30:31,200

airplane i'll talk about three briefly

726

00:30:35,750 --> 00:30:33,200

this is the

727

00:30:37,669 --> 00:30:35,760

airplane that was created the nc4 by

728

00:30:40,230 --> 00:30:37,679

three of these graduates holden

729

00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:40,240

richardson

730

00:30:45,669 --> 00:30:42,480

george westervelt and

731

00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:45,679

jerome hunsicker in 1917 hunsaker leaves

732

00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:48,320

mit goes back into the navy

733

00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:50,399

and in the bureau of what becomes the

734

00:30:55,350 --> 00:30:52,320

bureau of aeronautics they create this

735

00:30:57,669 --> 00:30:55,360

airplane it's actually built by curtis

736

00:30:58,710 --> 00:30:57,679

uh but it's designed by the three of

737

00:31:00,470 --> 00:30:58,720

them

738

00:31:03,190 --> 00:31:00,480

the second example

739

00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:03,200

is the example of

740

00:31:07,430 --> 00:31:04,720

this is another picture this is from

741

00:31:09,350 --> 00:31:07,440

hunsaker's archives of the of a postcard

742

00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:09,360

of the of that airplane

743

00:31:12,389 --> 00:31:11,360

second example is the boeing model c

744

00:31:14,470 --> 00:31:12,399

trainer

745

00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:14,480

uh george westervelt one of these

746

00:31:20,070 --> 00:31:18,080

original naval engineers at mit

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00:31:21,830 --> 00:31:20,080

is assigned to seattle where he meets

748

00:31:24,470 --> 00:31:21,840

william boeing they create a company

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00:31:26,230 --> 00:31:24,480

called pacific aero products the modern

750

00:31:27,750 --> 00:31:26,240

boeing corporation

751  
00:31:30,389 --> 00:31:27,760  
and this is the first commercial

752  
00:31:33,430 --> 00:31:30,399  
airplane that they create

753  
00:31:36,870 --> 00:31:33,440  
and when when westervelt is recalled to

754  
00:31:39,430 --> 00:31:36,880  
the to by the navy to washington he

755  
00:31:40,870 --> 00:31:39,440  
asked jerome hunsaker for the name of an

756  
00:31:42,950 --> 00:31:40,880  
engineer that could actually work on

757  
00:31:46,950 --> 00:31:42,960  
this project and hunsaker

758  
00:31:49,909 --> 00:31:46,960  
uh gives him the name of um wong soo who

759  
00:31:51,750 --> 00:31:49,919  
is actually at mit on a box rebellion

760  
00:31:54,070 --> 00:31:51,760  
scholarship

761  
00:31:56,310 --> 00:31:54,080  
has two more years in the united states

762  
00:32:00,070 --> 00:31:56,320  
becomes boeing's first engineer where he

763  
00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:02,389

the last example

764

00:32:06,950 --> 00:32:03,279

is

765

00:32:07,909 --> 00:32:06,960

role in helping to set up that wind

766

00:32:10,389 --> 00:32:07,919

tunnel

767

00:32:13,669 --> 00:32:10,399

this airplane establishes

768

00:32:16,789 --> 00:32:13,679

douglas aircraft it's the first product

769

00:32:19,350 --> 00:32:16,799

it's actually designed by douglas and

770

00:32:20,470 --> 00:32:19,360

hunsaker on a drafting table and

771

00:32:23,669 --> 00:32:20,480

douglas's

772

00:32:26,870 --> 00:32:23,679

in hunsker's office at the naval yard

773

00:32:29,590 --> 00:32:26,880

this is the dt-1 which is basically

774

00:32:32,470 --> 00:32:29,600

dt2 which is basically the airplane that

775

00:32:35,830 --> 00:32:32,480

uh puts uh douglas in into business in

776

00:32:37,269 --> 00:32:35,840

1921. hunsaker issues a purchase order

777

00:32:39,430 --> 00:32:37,279

for three of these

778

00:32:41,350 --> 00:32:39,440

that becomes the first uh

779

00:32:44,630 --> 00:32:41,360

commercial product of

780

00:32:47,029 --> 00:32:44,640

of douglas aircraft

781

00:32:49,110 --> 00:32:47,039

debbie's disgust at warner i think he's

782

00:32:50,950 --> 00:32:49,120

significant because he's in all three of

783

00:32:53,269 --> 00:32:50,960

these camps he's an mit educated

784

00:32:56,470 --> 00:32:53,279

aeronautical engineer goes to work at

785

00:32:59,430 --> 00:32:56,480

the naca as its chief physicist then

786

00:33:01,750 --> 00:32:59,440

comes back to mit in 1920 for the next

787

00:33:04,549 --> 00:33:01,760

six years he runs the mit aeronautics

788

00:33:06,310 --> 00:33:04,559

department until 1926 when he's

789

00:33:09,990 --> 00:33:06,320

appointed as the first assistant

790

00:33:12,549 --> 00:33:10,000

secretary of the navy for aeronautics so

791

00:33:15,190 --> 00:33:12,559

a great career but in the span of a

792

00:33:17,669 --> 00:33:15,200

of a decade crossing all three of these

793

00:33:19,269 --> 00:33:17,679

organizations

794

00:33:20,950 --> 00:33:19,279

richard hallian will go into much more

795

00:33:23,430 --> 00:33:20,960

detail on the variable density wind

796

00:33:25,190 --> 00:33:23,440

tunnel jerome hunsaker helps bring that

797

00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:25,200

wind tunnel to the united states in the

798

00:33:30,789 --> 00:33:27,519

sense that he recruits max monk from

799

00:33:32,789 --> 00:33:30,799

gertingen to the united states to set up

800

00:33:35,430 --> 00:33:32,799

the variable density wind tunnel the

801  
00:33:38,870 --> 00:33:35,440  
significance of this is actually

802  
00:33:40,630 --> 00:33:38,880  
i think in sort of the merger of two

803  
00:33:42,389 --> 00:33:40,640  
schools of engineering if you will the

804  
00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:42,399  
applied mathematics

805  
00:33:47,990 --> 00:33:45,360  
from gertingen and the empirical methods

806  
00:33:50,470 --> 00:33:48,000  
analytical methods that you see from the

807  
00:33:52,789 --> 00:33:50,480  
american engineers and effectively this

808  
00:33:54,149 --> 00:33:52,799  
is the creation of the four-digit series

809  
00:33:56,950 --> 00:33:54,159  
air foils

810  
00:33:58,950 --> 00:33:56,960  
what i call the

811  
00:34:01,269 --> 00:33:58,960  
inscription of the airfoil and this is

812  
00:34:03,509 --> 00:34:01,279  
in in tribute to brno

813  
00:34:06,149 --> 00:34:03,519

to bruno latour who

814

00:34:08,230 --> 00:34:06,159

talks about the way

815

00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:08,240

the properties of being mobile but also

816

00:34:13,589 --> 00:34:11,040

immutable presentable readable and

817

00:34:15,589 --> 00:34:13,599

combinable with one another the concept

818

00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:15,599

that you can actually

819

00:34:19,109 --> 00:34:17,760

create mathematically this definition of

820

00:34:21,589 --> 00:34:19,119

the airfoil so there's two key

821

00:34:25,030 --> 00:34:21,599

parameters in the in the naca

822

00:34:27,510 --> 00:34:25,040

airfoil definition one is the

823

00:34:29,669 --> 00:34:27,520

curvature of the airfoil the second is

824

00:34:32,069 --> 00:34:29,679

the thickness distribution the

825

00:34:35,270 --> 00:34:32,079

mathematical formulas which derive those

826

00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:35,280

result in a whole series of

827

00:34:38,710 --> 00:34:37,520

naca airfoils

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00:34:41,030 --> 00:34:38,720

that are then

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00:34:44,310 --> 00:34:41,040

evaluated in the wind tunnels and

830

00:34:46,310 --> 00:34:44,320

eventually published as a catalog

831

00:34:48,149 --> 00:34:46,320

for the collection

832

00:34:49,829 --> 00:34:48,159

classification compilation and

833

00:34:51,589 --> 00:34:49,839

dissemination of scientific and

834

00:34:54,149 --> 00:34:51,599

technical information those are the

835

00:34:56,069 --> 00:34:54,159

exact words that are in the legislation

836

00:34:59,190 --> 00:34:56,079

creating the naca

837

00:35:01,589 --> 00:34:59,200

this is the legislative charter for it

838

00:35:03,109 --> 00:35:01,599

and effectively

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00:35:05,270 --> 00:35:03,119

you know langley takes on this

840

00:35:07,910 --> 00:35:05,280

appearance of being a system of literary

841

00:35:09,270 --> 00:35:07,920

inscription in the same way that latour

842

00:35:12,550 --> 00:35:09,280

talks about

843

00:35:14,630 --> 00:35:12,560

how that operates in the uh in in the uh

844

00:35:17,910 --> 00:35:14,640

biology laboratory

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00:35:20,310 --> 00:35:17,920

so that's the first convergence that

846

00:35:22,230 --> 00:35:20,320

occurs and the and the end product is

847

00:35:24,870 --> 00:35:22,240

the dc3

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00:35:26,470 --> 00:35:24,880

just two years after that first report

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00:35:28,950 --> 00:35:26,480

with the airfoil

850

00:35:30,910 --> 00:35:28,960

method in 1933

851

00:35:33,990 --> 00:35:30,920

you have the dc3 in

852

00:35:35,670 --> 00:35:34,000

1935 which wins the collier prize and

853

00:35:37,910 --> 00:35:35,680

this sort of brings together the

854

00:35:41,190 --> 00:35:37,920

significant primarily because it's the

855

00:35:43,510 --> 00:35:41,200

first commercially viable airplane

856

00:35:45,430 --> 00:35:43,520

the airliners can operate it for a

857

00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:45,440

profit

858

00:35:51,190 --> 00:35:48,400

the second major convergence occurs

859

00:35:53,270 --> 00:35:51,200

at the same in the same year 1935 the

860

00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:53,280

seeds of it and this is when jerome

861

00:35:59,190 --> 00:35:55,599

hunsker is brought back to mit actually

862

00:36:01,349 --> 00:35:59,200

in 1933 by

863

00:36:03,510 --> 00:36:01,359

carl compton he first leads the

864

00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:03,520

mechanical engineering department

865

00:36:09,109 --> 00:36:05,359

and he makes two appointments to the

866

00:36:11,109 --> 00:36:09,119

faculty in 1935.

867

00:36:13,910 --> 00:36:11,119

this is the way sort of the connection

868

00:36:14,790 --> 00:36:13,920

between the the air the airfoil and the

869

00:36:16,230 --> 00:36:14,800

uh

870

00:36:19,510 --> 00:36:16,240

the wind tunnel

871

00:36:22,230 --> 00:36:19,520

and the future of aeronautics is is uh

872

00:36:24,790 --> 00:36:22,240

juxtaposed the first is the selection of

873

00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:24,800

a of a rather obscure aeronautical

874

00:36:29,109 --> 00:36:27,359

engineer named heinrich peters who is

875

00:36:31,190 --> 00:36:29,119

one of gertie

876

00:36:34,069 --> 00:36:31,200

who is a university of guertin grad one

877

00:36:37,270 --> 00:36:34,079

of prandtl students he's brought over to

878

00:36:39,109 --> 00:36:37,280

mit with the express purpose of building

879

00:36:40,950 --> 00:36:39,119

another variable density wind tunnel

880

00:36:43,030 --> 00:36:40,960

which he builds over the next four years

881

00:36:45,829 --> 00:36:43,040

it's now still in existence the wright

882

00:36:49,030 --> 00:36:45,839

brothers wind tunnel at the same time in

883

00:36:53,550 --> 00:36:51,270

jerome hunsaker selects charles tarq

884

00:36:56,470 --> 00:36:53,560

draper now draper has been at mit since

885

00:36:59,270 --> 00:36:56,480

1922 where he originally got a

886

00:37:02,390 --> 00:36:59,280

bachelor's degree in psychology at

887

00:37:05,190 --> 00:37:02,400

stanford comes to mit repeats four years

888

00:37:06,870 --> 00:37:05,200

of bat to get a second bachelor's then

889

00:37:09,030 --> 00:37:06,880

goes on to

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00:37:10,630 --> 00:37:09,040

to a master's degree

891

00:37:12,710 --> 00:37:10,640

and eventually he's in the physics

892

00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:12,720

department where he's kind of

893

00:37:18,150 --> 00:37:14,880

in this transition compton has come in

894

00:37:20,630 --> 00:37:18,160

he's imposed a new set of requirements

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00:37:22,790 --> 00:37:20,640

in physics new professors

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00:37:24,790 --> 00:37:22,800

it's even a question as to whether

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00:37:27,670 --> 00:37:24,800

they will allow uh

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00:37:29,750 --> 00:37:27,680

draper to continue as a as a uh

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00:37:31,430 --> 00:37:29,760

to get his physics phd he does

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00:37:34,710 --> 00:37:31,440

eventually graduate

901  
00:37:36,950 --> 00:37:34,720  
he's a self-described hands-on engineer

902  
00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:36,960  
uh he he is

903  
00:37:40,230 --> 00:37:38,880  
unique in the sense that he's actually

904  
00:37:43,190 --> 00:37:40,240  
pursuing

905  
00:37:45,750 --> 00:37:43,200  
at the time uh detonation in in the

906  
00:37:48,069 --> 00:37:45,760  
cylinders of aircraft engines under work

907  
00:37:50,470 --> 00:37:48,079  
that's jointly sponsored by the naca and

908  
00:37:52,230 --> 00:37:50,480  
the and the navy bureau of aeronautics

909  
00:37:54,310 --> 00:37:52,240  
self-described as a greasy thumb

910  
00:37:56,550 --> 00:37:54,320  
mechanic willing to roll up his sleeves

911  
00:37:58,630 --> 00:37:56,560  
in the laboratory and this becomes kind

912  
00:37:59,310 --> 00:37:58,640  
of the departure point where the field

913  
00:38:01,589 --> 00:37:59,320

of

914

00:38:03,270 --> 00:38:01,599

aerodynamics which is one important

915

00:38:04,870 --> 00:38:03,280

piece of

916

00:38:07,589 --> 00:38:04,880

the modern field of aeronautics and

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00:38:09,990 --> 00:38:07,599

astronautics begins to change where

918

00:38:13,750 --> 00:38:10,000

issues associated with instrumentation

919

00:38:15,510 --> 00:38:13,760

flight control navigation and computing

920

00:38:18,550 --> 00:38:15,520

come together and you'll see that in the

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00:38:19,510 --> 00:38:18,560

next couple of examples

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00:38:21,670 --> 00:38:19,520

so

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00:38:24,230 --> 00:38:21,680

the next uh

924

00:38:31,030 --> 00:38:24,240

image uh jerome hunsaker

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00:38:37,109 --> 00:38:33,910

is is now at the uh now taking over the

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00:38:39,270 --> 00:38:37,119

responsibility for the um naca vanivar

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00:38:40,550 --> 00:38:39,280

bush and jerome hunsker are shown in

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00:38:42,870 --> 00:38:40,560

this image

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00:38:44,230 --> 00:38:42,880

of the uh of the of the national

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00:38:47,829 --> 00:38:44,240

advisory committee of aeronautics in

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00:38:53,349 --> 00:38:50,550

van over bush basically becomes

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00:38:55,670 --> 00:38:53,359

roosevelt's uh designated to run all

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00:38:58,470 --> 00:38:55,680

defense department research

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00:39:01,190 --> 00:38:58,480

for military purposes and puts hunsaker

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00:39:03,990 --> 00:39:01,200

in charge of the naca and for the next

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00:39:05,990 --> 00:39:04,000

16 years hunsaker is both the head of

937

00:39:14,150 --> 00:39:06,000

the aeronautics department at mit and

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00:39:18,470 --> 00:39:16,230

this is the mark 14 gun site which

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00:39:20,230 --> 00:39:18,480

charles stark draper developed it's the

940

00:39:22,230 --> 00:39:20,240

first example of sort of this

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00:39:23,349 --> 00:39:22,240

integration of human and machine

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00:39:25,510 --> 00:39:23,359

together

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00:39:27,430 --> 00:39:25,520

solving this problem of

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00:39:28,950 --> 00:39:27,440

artillery

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00:39:33,430 --> 00:39:28,960

used for

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00:39:36,790 --> 00:39:33,440

by the navy on ground ships primarily to

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00:39:41,270 --> 00:39:38,550

japanese

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00:39:44,470 --> 00:39:41,280

fighters it's extremely successful under

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00:39:46,630 --> 00:39:44,480

contract to sperry corporation 85 000 of

950

00:39:49,030 --> 00:39:46,640

these are built

951  
00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:49,040  
it helps change the the role of the the

952  
00:39:53,430 --> 00:39:50,720  
navy uh

953  
00:39:56,150 --> 00:39:53,440  
in world war ii

954  
00:39:58,230 --> 00:39:56,160  
um

955  
00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:58,240  
this is louis de flores and i'll i'll

956  
00:40:01,910 --> 00:39:59,760  
kind of close with this story and

957  
00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:01,920  
quickly go through the remaining slides

958  
00:40:06,470 --> 00:40:03,839  
louis de flores is a colleague of

959  
00:40:08,790 --> 00:40:06,480  
hunskers at mit graduates in 1911 he

960  
00:40:11,990 --> 00:40:08,800  
comes he's in the navy

961  
00:40:13,349 --> 00:40:12,000  
first hired by hunsaker in 1917 to work

962  
00:40:15,589 --> 00:40:13,359  
in the bureau of aeronautics where he

963  
00:40:17,510 --> 00:40:15,599

works on instrumentation he leaves the

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00:40:18,790 --> 00:40:17,520

navy goes off into work in private

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00:40:21,510 --> 00:40:18,800

industry

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00:40:24,069 --> 00:40:21,520

in 1939 at the age of 50 he he

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00:40:25,750 --> 00:40:24,079

re-enlisted the navy he's brought into

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00:40:27,589 --> 00:40:25,760

the bureau again to the bureau of

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00:40:30,950 --> 00:40:27,599

aeronautics where he sets up the navy

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00:40:33,349 --> 00:40:30,960

special devices branch this branch goes

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into the subject of simulation and

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00:40:39,589 --> 00:40:36,560

training in 1943 he wins the collier

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trophy for simulation and and training

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but the important thing is he comes to

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00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:44,560

mit and he asks mit to put an

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airplane into the wind tunnel

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00:40:51,190 --> 00:40:49,280

and try to derive the the critical

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00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:51,200

flight performance characteristics the

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stability derivatives in something that

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00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:56,319

would allow them to build a universal

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flight simulator and that's called the

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00:41:02,710 --> 00:41:00,960

aircraft stability and control analyzer

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00:41:05,349 --> 00:41:02,720

project now many historians have looked

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00:41:07,270 --> 00:41:05,359

at this because it's the origins of

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00:41:08,710 --> 00:41:07,280

what would become the whirlwind digital

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computer

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00:41:13,430 --> 00:41:11,040

the server mechanics lab takes this

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00:41:15,589 --> 00:41:13,440

project over but the significant thing

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is this is at the intersection of wind

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00:41:20,950 --> 00:41:17,200

tunnels and wind tunnel models of

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00:41:25,750 --> 00:41:20,960

airplanes the aerodynamics

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00:41:27,910 --> 00:41:25,760

lineage of the naca and and uh

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00:41:30,870 --> 00:41:27,920

and gertingen but it's significant

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00:41:32,710 --> 00:41:30,880

because it shows that what is really

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00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:32,720

going forward

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00:41:37,109 --> 00:41:34,720

in the way that these fields uh

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00:41:40,470 --> 00:41:37,119

intersect in the in the future

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00:41:44,790 --> 00:41:42,470

the navy ends up

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00:41:46,870 --> 00:41:44,800

uh sponsoring this project there's quite

1000

00:41:48,790 --> 00:41:46,880

a bit of criticism within the navy

1001  
00:41:49,670 --> 00:41:48,800  
jerome hunsaker is actually involved

1002  
00:41:51,990 --> 00:41:49,680  
both

1003  
00:41:54,470 --> 00:41:52,000  
as the head of the mit aeronautics

1004  
00:41:56,870 --> 00:41:54,480  
department advocating for this project

1005  
00:42:00,470 --> 00:41:56,880  
but also running interference when a

1006  
00:42:02,390 --> 00:42:00,480  
colleague another mit person walter deal

1007  
00:42:04,870 --> 00:42:02,400  
basically says that

1008  
00:42:06,950 --> 00:42:04,880  
this project is is uh

1009  
00:42:08,710 --> 00:42:06,960  
not worth pursuing

1010  
00:42:11,910 --> 00:42:08,720  
and then he writes a letter as the head

1011  
00:42:13,670 --> 00:42:11,920  
of the naca and basically advocates why

1012  
00:42:15,349 --> 00:42:13,680  
it should be done and that it was not

1013  
00:42:17,829 --> 00:42:15,359

duplicating research being done at the

1014

00:42:19,510 --> 00:42:17,839

naca now that was effectively the work

1015

00:42:21,030 --> 00:42:19,520

of robert gilruth who we heard about a

1016

00:42:23,670 --> 00:42:21,040

little bit this morning

1017

00:42:27,030 --> 00:42:23,680

investigating the flight qualities of

1018

00:42:28,710 --> 00:42:27,040

flight trend of aircraft to uh to

1019

00:42:30,550 --> 00:42:28,720

characterize their performance so this

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00:42:32,150 --> 00:42:30,560

is sort of two threads coming together

1021

00:42:32,950 --> 00:42:32,160

flight test

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00:42:35,190 --> 00:42:32,960

and

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00:42:36,870 --> 00:42:35,200

wind tunnels in the in the instantiation

1024

00:42:38,470 --> 00:42:36,880

of what will become the first

1025

00:42:40,790 --> 00:42:38,480

digital computer

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00:42:42,870 --> 00:42:40,800

this is another project at mit this navy

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00:42:45,990 --> 00:42:42,880

supersonic wind tunnel the significance

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00:42:48,390 --> 00:42:46,000

here is it's the first time that we see

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00:42:49,349 --> 00:42:48,400

robert siemens coming to the stage he is

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00:42:52,309 --> 00:42:49,359

actually

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00:42:55,430 --> 00:42:52,319

selected to run that project and becomes

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00:42:58,870 --> 00:42:55,440

the first systems engineer at mit draper

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00:43:00,550 --> 00:42:58,880

picks him in 1950 to run this program

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00:43:02,870 --> 00:43:00,560

and then

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00:43:05,670 --> 00:43:02,880

over the next five years

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00:43:07,829 --> 00:43:05,680

manages that project a short period

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00:43:09,190 --> 00:43:07,839

later in 1960

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00:43:12,230 --> 00:43:09,200

siemens comes

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00:43:13,349 --> 00:43:12,240

to work at that then nasa where he

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00:43:15,829 --> 00:43:13,359

basically

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00:43:18,630 --> 00:43:15,839

makes three or four pivotal decisions in

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00:43:19,750 --> 00:43:18,640

in 61 and 62. first is the decision to

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00:43:22,230 --> 00:43:19,760

select

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00:43:24,950 --> 00:43:22,240

his mentor who's shown in the left-hand

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00:43:27,670 --> 00:43:24,960

picture there charles stark draper to

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00:43:29,430 --> 00:43:27,680

basically build the guidance control

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00:43:31,430 --> 00:43:29,440

navigation system of the apollo

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00:43:32,550 --> 00:43:31,440

spacecraft and that's a simulator on top

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00:43:34,790 --> 00:43:32,560

of the roof

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00:43:37,190 --> 00:43:34,800

at the draper laboratory you can see the

1051  
00:43:39,430 --> 00:43:37,200  
skyline of boston in the right hands

1052  
00:43:41,750 --> 00:43:39,440  
in the background on the right hand side

1053  
00:43:44,710 --> 00:43:41,760  
is apollo 8 gym level

1054  
00:43:46,390 --> 00:43:44,720  
navigating the first translunar flight

1055  
00:43:48,790 --> 00:43:46,400  
to the moon

1056  
00:43:51,190 --> 00:43:48,800  
langley goes off and and and develops

1057  
00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:51,200  
the simulation technology which brings

1058  
00:43:54,870 --> 00:43:52,800  
these strands together

1059  
00:43:57,750 --> 00:43:54,880  
this is siemens hunsker and draper

1060  
00:43:59,430 --> 00:43:57,760  
together they span the history

1061  
00:44:02,390 --> 00:43:59,440  
of this era

1062  
00:44:04,630 --> 00:44:02,400  
right at this time roughly 1959 the name

1063  
00:44:07,030 --> 00:44:04,640

of the mit aeronautical engineering

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00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:07,040

department is actually changed to the

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department of aeronautics and

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astronautics and i think that kind of

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00:44:13,430 --> 00:44:11,280

reflects

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00:44:16,230 --> 00:44:13,440

the second major convergence how these

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fields come together in what's now known

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00:44:20,390 --> 00:44:18,880

as the modern practice of aeronautics

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00:44:27,750 --> 00:44:20,400

and astronautics

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00:44:30,870 --> 00:44:29,349

thank you very much john it was really

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00:44:32,950 --> 00:44:30,880

intriguing to hear about those different

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00:44:34,550 --> 00:44:32,960

threads coming together

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00:44:36,790 --> 00:44:34,560

now we have the privilege of hearing

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00:44:38,309 --> 00:44:36,800

from dr dick hallian

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dick used to be the

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air force chief historian many years ago

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00:44:44,630 --> 00:44:42,160

he also

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00:44:46,230 --> 00:44:44,640

received his ph.d locally from the

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00:44:49,030 --> 00:44:46,240

university of maryland

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00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:49,040

and last but not least

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00:44:54,390 --> 00:44:52,240

i had the privilege of hearing a great

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lecture that he gave when i took an air

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00:45:05,750 --> 00:44:56,160

power history class many years ago that

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00:45:09,990 --> 00:45:08,309

thanks very much

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00:45:11,829 --> 00:45:10,000

i told him he was not to give away my

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00:45:14,230 --> 00:45:11,839

age

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00:45:16,230 --> 00:45:14,240

it's a real pleasure to be here and and

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00:45:19,670 --> 00:45:16,240

certainly to be involved in the

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commemoration of such a notable event

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you know if we take a look at the uh

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history of the naca

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00:45:27,190 --> 00:45:24,960

it's it's truly staggering and i think

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00:45:30,550 --> 00:45:27,200

the papers that we've seen so far have

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00:45:32,870 --> 00:45:30,560

given us just a very brief indication of

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00:45:34,550 --> 00:45:32,880

of the work that that has been done in

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00:45:38,630 --> 00:45:34,560

the field and also much of the work that

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00:45:40,630 --> 00:45:38,640

remains to be done the naca is a uh is a

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00:45:43,589 --> 00:45:40,640

rich subject i think for anyone wishing

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00:45:45,750 --> 00:45:43,599

to look at the evolution of aeronautics

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00:45:47,910 --> 00:45:45,760

not merely in the american sense but in

1103

00:45:50,550 --> 00:45:47,920

a global sense as well now what i

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00:45:52,790 --> 00:45:50,560

thought i'd talk to you about today was

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an aspect of the naca that was very very

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important i think and that was its

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development of

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00:46:21,910 --> 00:45:57,359

a

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but then by 1912 we've lost control of

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that revolution and so that you have

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00:46:27,349 --> 00:46:25,760

many of the things that people have

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talked about already you have a gap

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developing between the united states and

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europe tom crouch mentioned how the

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united states was 14th in global

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00:46:35,430 --> 00:46:34,240

aviation investment before the first

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00:46:37,990 --> 00:46:35,440

world war

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00:46:40,630 --> 00:46:38,000

we have more profoundly why we're really

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00:46:42,790 --> 00:46:40,640

here today we have a laboratory gap

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00:46:44,390 --> 00:46:42,800

developing between the united states and

1121

00:46:45,510 --> 00:46:44,400

europe as well

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00:46:47,990 --> 00:46:45,520

i like

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00:46:49,510 --> 00:46:48,000

debbie's comment that what is really

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00:46:51,990 --> 00:46:49,520

taking place with the creation of the

1125

00:46:54,069 --> 00:46:52,000

naca is really just getting in the game

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00:46:55,750 --> 00:46:54,079

it's not really getting back

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00:46:58,069 --> 00:46:55,760

something that we have lost although we

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00:46:59,990 --> 00:46:58,079

clearly had lost our lead in aeronautics

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00:47:02,230 --> 00:47:00,000

but in terms of the research

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00:47:04,309 --> 00:47:02,240

competencies in pursuing the the

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00:47:06,230 --> 00:47:04,319

scientific study of flight which is what

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00:47:07,910 --> 00:47:06,240

the naca was all about it was really

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00:47:10,630 --> 00:47:07,920

getting back in the game

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00:47:12,390 --> 00:47:10,640

now if we review very quickly just to

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00:47:14,470 --> 00:47:12,400

kind of give us a frame of reference the

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00:47:16,069 --> 00:47:14,480

stages in winged aeronautical research

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00:47:18,230 --> 00:47:16,079

i'm not talking about balloons or

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00:47:19,990 --> 00:47:18,240

airships or aerostatics here

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00:47:22,710 --> 00:47:20,000

basically all the way back to the

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00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:22,720

renaissance we see a bird emulative

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00:47:26,950 --> 00:47:24,720

model of flight that really persists all

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00:47:28,549 --> 00:47:26,960

the way through lillian tall lily and

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00:47:30,309 --> 00:47:28,559

tall

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00:47:32,069 --> 00:47:30,319

even wrote a book entitled bird flight

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00:47:33,510 --> 00:47:32,079

is the basis of aviation you know where

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00:47:35,829 --> 00:47:33,520

you're taking a look at very thin

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00:47:37,670 --> 00:47:35,839

airfoil shapes basically and you're

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00:47:40,470 --> 00:47:37,680

emulating design you're not really

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00:47:43,349 --> 00:47:40,480

looking at circulation theory

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00:47:46,069 --> 00:47:43,359

involving involving a lifting theory of

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00:47:48,230 --> 00:47:46,079

flight we go beyond this starting with

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00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:48,240

the work of george cayley into some very

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00:47:53,190 --> 00:47:50,960

basic almost mechanical engineering type

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00:47:54,870 --> 00:47:53,200

stuff we're looking at forces forms

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00:47:56,790 --> 00:47:54,880

shapes structures

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00:47:59,829 --> 00:47:56,800

that gives us when we take a look at the

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00:48:01,510 --> 00:47:59,839

contributions of chanute for example

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00:48:03,190 --> 00:48:01,520

that gives us the ability to move

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00:48:05,589 --> 00:48:03,200

forward with the rights to the first

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00:48:08,309 --> 00:48:05,599

successful technology demonstrator

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00:48:10,309 --> 00:48:08,319

we have beginnings of rudimentary

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00:48:11,910 --> 00:48:10,319

measurement analysis starting with the

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00:48:13,670 --> 00:48:11,920

development of the of the wind tunnel

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00:48:15,829 --> 00:48:13,680

with francis wenham and john browning

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00:48:17,990 --> 00:48:15,839

moving on then to the work of phillips

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00:48:19,589 --> 00:48:18,000

william tall with whirling arm rigs

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00:48:21,990 --> 00:48:19,599

don't really work very well the rights

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00:48:24,790 --> 00:48:22,000

with a wind tunnel that does the job for

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00:48:25,829 --> 00:48:24,800

them and then gustav eiffel

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00:48:28,309 --> 00:48:25,839

who does

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00:48:31,430 --> 00:48:28,319

some fairly sophisticated work for his

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00:48:34,069 --> 00:48:31,440

time which hunsaker brings to america

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00:48:35,510 --> 00:48:34,079

and then very importantly we see the

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00:48:37,270 --> 00:48:35,520

last part of this and that's the

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00:48:39,750 --> 00:48:37,280

explication of what i call a physics

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00:48:43,270 --> 00:48:39,760

rooted scientific aerodynamic theory

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00:48:44,549 --> 00:48:43,280

kuta jakowski lanchester pronto pronto

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00:48:46,710 --> 00:48:44,559

most of all

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00:48:49,589 --> 00:48:46,720

what are these characteristics that we

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00:48:51,510 --> 00:48:49,599

we look for in scientific aeronautics

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00:48:53,670 --> 00:48:51,520

well i i threw together a quick list of

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00:48:55,750 --> 00:48:53,680

them and you can review it here but i

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00:48:58,150 --> 00:48:55,760

would argue that all these the most

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00:49:00,150 --> 00:48:58,160

important are really the study of fluid

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00:49:01,670 --> 00:49:00,160

dynamics and flow circulation we're

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00:49:04,470 --> 00:49:01,680

getting away from just looking at the

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00:49:07,750 --> 00:49:04,480

mechanical engineering side of flight

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00:49:10,470 --> 00:49:07,760

we're getting away from the wing uh wing

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00:49:12,390 --> 00:49:10,480

section view of how wing produces lift

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00:49:14,710 --> 00:49:12,400

we're not so much looking at what

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00:49:16,870 --> 00:49:14,720

happens if you cut that wing

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00:49:19,190 --> 00:49:16,880

you know through uh and take a look at

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00:49:21,270 --> 00:49:19,200

the airfoil profile and the flow above

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00:49:22,549 --> 00:49:21,280

and below the wing you start to see

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00:49:25,030 --> 00:49:22,559

people thinking

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00:49:27,109 --> 00:49:25,040

much more in terms of what pronto is

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00:49:30,549 --> 00:49:27,119

thinking of in terms of looking at the

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00:49:33,750 --> 00:49:30,559

wing as a whole uh as a as a wing

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00:49:35,670 --> 00:49:33,760

functioning within a bound vortex you

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00:49:37,430 --> 00:49:35,680

have in these laboratories that i

1201  
00:49:39,910 --> 00:49:37,440  
mentioned earlier you start to see some

1202  
00:49:42,549 --> 00:49:39,920  
of the attributes and trappings of what

1203  
00:49:44,950 --> 00:49:42,559  
we might call modern scientific approach

1204  
00:49:47,990 --> 00:49:44,960  
to flight research on aircraft dynamics

1205  
00:49:50,470 --> 00:49:48,000  
structural loads things of this sort

1206  
00:49:51,589 --> 00:49:50,480  
we've seen in the papers we've had to

1207  
00:49:54,309 --> 00:49:51,599  
date

1208  
00:49:57,510 --> 00:49:54,319  
the path to the naca and afterwards the

1209  
00:49:59,349 --> 00:49:57,520  
various stats stop stop efforts in the

1210  
00:50:01,109 --> 00:49:59,359  
united states i would throw one in that

1211  
00:50:03,910 --> 00:50:01,119  
hasn't really received much mention and

1212  
00:50:07,589 --> 00:50:03,920  
that's this last one that is created

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00:50:10,309 --> 00:50:07,599

actually after the naca but which gets

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00:50:13,190 --> 00:50:10,319

its research program up and going

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00:50:14,950 --> 00:50:13,200

earlier than the naca and that is the

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00:50:17,510 --> 00:50:14,960

cook field air service engineering

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00:50:20,309 --> 00:50:17,520

division it does some very profound very

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00:50:22,950 --> 00:50:20,319

important work by the way the original

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00:50:25,190 --> 00:50:22,960

mccook field tunnel survives it has been

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00:50:27,589 --> 00:50:25,200

restored and is on exhibit at the air

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00:50:29,109 --> 00:50:27,599

force museum in dayton ohio for anyone

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00:50:30,870 --> 00:50:29,119

who would wish to see it

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00:50:33,990 --> 00:50:30,880

now of course we come to the creation of

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00:50:34,950 --> 00:50:34,000

the naca then

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00:50:37,109 --> 00:50:34,960

and

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00:50:38,950 --> 00:50:37,119

when we take a look at the naca we have

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00:50:41,270 --> 00:50:38,960

of course this notable statement which

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00:50:43,589 --> 00:50:41,280

was drawn from the uk advisory committee

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for aeronautics which everybody refers

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00:50:47,910 --> 00:50:46,240

to of course to scientific to supervise

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00:50:49,750 --> 00:50:47,920

and direct the scientific study of the

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00:50:51,589 --> 00:50:49,760

problems of flight with the view to

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00:50:54,470 --> 00:50:51,599

their practical solution

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00:50:56,710 --> 00:50:54,480

however i would argue that is much

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00:50:58,470 --> 00:50:56,720

easier said than done so let's take a

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00:51:01,430 --> 00:50:58,480

look at what actually happened when you

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00:51:04,470 --> 00:51:01,440

did get langley up and running in 1920

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00:51:07,910 --> 00:51:04,480

with its number one wind tunnel

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00:51:09,829 --> 00:51:07,920

well we see a laboratory institution to

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00:51:11,829 --> 00:51:09,839

use a modern term whose capabilities are

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00:51:14,549 --> 00:51:11,839

really legacy capabilities

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00:51:17,030 --> 00:51:14,559

you have this first tunnel its uk

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00:51:18,790 --> 00:51:17,040

origins have been alluded to it's

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00:51:20,870 --> 00:51:18,800

basically outdated it's good as a

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00:51:23,270 --> 00:51:20,880

training facility but that's really

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00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:23,280

about it it's not comparable at that

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00:51:28,950 --> 00:51:26,079

point in time to what exists at its

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00:51:30,390 --> 00:51:28,960

point of origin the npl in teddington or

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00:51:33,270 --> 00:51:30,400

what the french are doing at chelay

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00:51:36,549 --> 00:51:33,280

mudan or what you see ludwig prandtl and

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00:51:38,390 --> 00:51:36,559  
his people doing at gertingan if we take

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00:51:40,230 --> 00:51:38,400  
a look at the shortcut you know there

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00:51:42,470 --> 00:51:40,240  
was a little bit of a shortcut process

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00:51:44,710 --> 00:51:42,480  
here in the early days of naca research

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00:51:46,870 --> 00:51:44,720  
you actually have full flight research

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00:51:49,670 --> 00:51:46,880  
undertaken very very early on

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00:51:51,030 --> 00:51:49,680  
even that full flight research

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00:51:53,829 --> 00:51:51,040  
we don't find

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00:51:56,069 --> 00:51:53,839  
as uh as advanced as what we're seeing

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00:51:59,030 --> 00:51:56,079  
taking place at faunborough and martian

1261  
00:52:01,910 --> 00:51:59,040  
heath in in england or at

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00:52:04,230 --> 00:52:01,920  
adler's hof in germany or at chele mudan

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00:52:06,790 --> 00:52:04,240

or via kublai or places like that

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00:52:10,309 --> 00:52:06,800

basically we're just getting into the

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00:52:13,270 --> 00:52:10,319

game if you will and as a consequence

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00:52:15,030 --> 00:52:13,280

when american aeronautics is viewed at

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00:52:16,790 --> 00:52:15,040

the end of the first world war you have

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00:52:20,309 --> 00:52:16,800

that statement by

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00:52:22,549 --> 00:52:20,319

john j pershing in his final report

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00:52:24,309 --> 00:52:22,559

as head of the american expeditionary

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00:52:26,309 --> 00:52:24,319

force he writes in aviation we were

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00:52:27,990 --> 00:52:26,319

completely dependent upon europe well

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from the europeans they see that very

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much themselves and so you have for

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example this rather telling statement

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that i located in a document in the in

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00:52:40,790 --> 00:52:35,520

the

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00:52:41,910 --> 00:52:40,800

public record office uh an ministry

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00:52:44,790 --> 00:52:41,920

mandarin

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00:52:47,109 --> 00:52:44,800

writing in 1921 i don't think we need

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00:52:50,069 --> 00:52:47,119

worry ourselves very much at present

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00:52:51,750 --> 00:52:50,079

about usa experimental establishments

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00:52:52,790 --> 00:52:51,760

you can practically hear the sarcasm

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00:52:55,430 --> 00:52:52,800

dripping

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00:52:57,349 --> 00:52:55,440

off the page as you read that

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00:52:58,870 --> 00:52:57,359

so what are we looking at here really i

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00:53:00,710 --> 00:52:58,880

would argue we're really looking at the

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00:53:02,710 --> 00:53:00,720

evolution of the airfoil

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00:53:05,910 --> 00:53:02,720

you know we go from this bird imitative

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00:53:08,390 --> 00:53:05,920

time of thinking which forced us down a

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road where you had to brace the wing

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externally you had to create some sort

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of a truss

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00:53:15,430 --> 00:53:13,440

to carry the wing you did not have

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00:53:18,549 --> 00:53:15,440

modern composite structural materials or

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00:53:20,309 --> 00:53:18,559

things like that and so as a result we

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00:53:22,710 --> 00:53:20,319

wound up thanks to chanute with the

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00:53:25,510 --> 00:53:22,720

bridge truss type airplane which gave us

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00:53:27,910 --> 00:53:25,520

a lot of braced biplanes very thin wings

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00:53:30,790 --> 00:53:27,920

relatively inefficient wings in terms of

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00:53:34,549 --> 00:53:30,800

lifted drag ratios things of that sort

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to a fluid dynamics based a circulation

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00:53:39,270 --> 00:53:37,280

flow based model that tends to favor

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00:53:41,109 --> 00:53:39,280

much thicker airfoils and with those

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00:53:43,270 --> 00:53:41,119

thicker airfoils you have of course the

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00:53:45,270 --> 00:53:43,280

opportunity then to put the structure

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00:53:48,150 --> 00:53:45,280

inside the wing which means you

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00:53:50,790 --> 00:53:48,160

immediately get an increase in aircraft

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00:53:52,790 --> 00:53:50,800

performance lifting performance as well

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00:53:55,030 --> 00:53:52,800

and you clearly then have the ability to

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00:53:57,670 --> 00:53:55,040

completely reshape the airplane and what

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00:54:00,630 --> 00:53:57,680

this really reflects is the back and

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00:54:03,750 --> 00:54:00,640

forth in airfoil design from bird

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00:54:06,470 --> 00:54:03,760

emulative which had inspired the rights

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to france the eiffel school stillbird

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emulator getting a little bit better to

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britain where you start people

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00:54:14,309 --> 00:54:12,480

seeing people reflecting the thinking

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00:54:15,589 --> 00:54:14,319

coming out of research at the npl and

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elsewhere it's producing thicker

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airfoils finally to the parental school

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which is giving you the nice fat

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00:54:24,870 --> 00:54:22,480

generous airfoils that we will use to

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00:54:29,030 --> 00:54:24,880

build the air transport revolution of

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00:54:33,990 --> 00:54:32,390

now moving along we come to the subject

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really of our discussion and that's

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00:54:38,309 --> 00:54:35,520  
ludwig pronto

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00:54:40,630 --> 00:54:38,319  
liquid prontol is head of the institute

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00:54:43,990 --> 00:54:40,640  
for technical physics at guertingan in

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00:54:46,630 --> 00:54:44,000  
1906 when he's asked by felix klein and

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00:54:48,309 --> 00:54:46,640  
friedrich althoff to join a technical

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00:54:50,789 --> 00:54:48,319  
committee a supervisory committee

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00:54:53,829 --> 00:54:50,799  
overlooking a powered airship study

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00:54:53,839 --> 00:54:56,630  
pronto

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00:55:01,670 --> 00:54:59,109  
is an individual who is obsessed with

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00:55:03,630 --> 00:55:01,680  
measurement he's obsessed with tests he

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00:55:05,750 --> 00:55:03,640  
he sees this because he comes out of a

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00:55:08,069 --> 00:55:05,760

hydrodynamics background he's used to

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00:55:09,829 --> 00:55:08,079

water channels he used to he's used to

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00:55:11,510 --> 00:55:09,839

doing flow studies around models of

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hulls and things like this

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and so he stresses the development of a

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00:55:18,789 --> 00:55:15,839

tunnel and what he does is he goes

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00:55:21,109 --> 00:55:18,799

beyond the open flow tunnels that are

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common of the day to close circuit

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00:55:24,549 --> 00:55:22,720

tunnels and because of his own

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00:55:26,549 --> 00:55:24,559

particular interest he's very much

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00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:26,559

interested in reducing turbulence so

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00:55:31,430 --> 00:55:28,799

this is really his his major

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00:55:32,789 --> 00:55:31,440

contribution in hardware design and

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00:55:34,390 --> 00:55:32,799

tunnel design

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00:55:36,950 --> 00:55:34,400

beyond this he's the first to

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00:55:39,910 --> 00:55:36,960

demonstrate the intrinsic relationship

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00:55:43,109 --> 00:55:39,920

of lift to the total circulation around

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00:55:44,950 --> 00:55:43,119

the wing the total flow of air and wash

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00:55:47,430 --> 00:55:44,960

of the wing the flow field if you will

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00:55:49,430 --> 00:55:47,440

around the wing as we think of it today

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00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:49,440

and not just looking at this slice in

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00:55:53,430 --> 00:55:51,920

time that you see in typical books of

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00:55:54,870 --> 00:55:53,440

you know the little air running above

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00:55:56,230 --> 00:55:54,880

the wing and below the wing and catching

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00:55:57,829 --> 00:55:56,240

up at the trailing edge and things like

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that

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more importantly than this is he is a

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true

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educator and mentor and if we take a

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look at many of the people that he

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mentors he's become legendary figures

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and very influential figures in their

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own right you have albert betts who

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serves as his deputy for many years and

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then succeeds him

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you have carl wieselsberger the most

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gifted wind tunnel designer of his time

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jacob baccaret the swiss oscar hughes

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max monk himself and so this is the

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environment in which german aerodynamics

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is is beginning to thrive by the

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00:56:36,390 --> 00:56:34,000

beginning of the first world war

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00:56:38,950 --> 00:56:36,400

you also need a structural component and

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you get that structural component with

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00:56:43,270 --> 00:56:41,440

our next fellow here hugo youngers hugo

1383

00:56:45,430 --> 00:56:43,280

junckers is a thermodynamicist by

1384

00:56:47,430 --> 00:56:45,440

training classically trained

1385

00:56:49,670 --> 00:56:47,440

but he is fascinated with flight and

1386

00:56:52,150 --> 00:56:49,680

he's also fascinated with the purity of

1387

00:56:54,230 --> 00:56:52,160

flying forms particularly what he calls

1388

00:56:55,430 --> 00:56:54,240

the nerf flugel the flying wing the wing

1389

00:56:56,710 --> 00:56:55,440

only type

1390

00:56:58,710 --> 00:56:56,720

type vehicle

1391

00:57:00,710 --> 00:56:58,720

and he recognizes this symbiotic

1392

00:57:03,030 --> 00:57:00,720

relationship between aerodynamics and

1393

00:57:07,030 --> 00:57:03,040

structural design that it makes possible

1394

00:57:10,470 --> 00:57:07,040

the thick wing high lift cantilever

1395

00:57:12,950 --> 00:57:10,480

aircraft by applying dural structure

1396

00:57:15,589 --> 00:57:12,960

technology to that he winds up with

1397

00:57:18,549 --> 00:57:15,599

operational dural structured military

1398

00:57:19,910 --> 00:57:18,559

and civil airplanes in less than 20

1399

00:57:21,430 --> 00:57:19,920

years after the invention of the

1400

00:57:25,349 --> 00:57:21,440

airplane by the wright brothers so that

1401

00:57:28,150 --> 00:57:25,359

we have for example to give you the

1402

00:57:31,030 --> 00:57:28,160

technical state of the art of the time

1403

00:57:34,309 --> 00:57:31,040

this is a 1919 german transport the

1404

00:57:37,270 --> 00:57:34,319

juncker's f-13 which served the f-13 in

1405

00:57:39,430 --> 00:57:37,280

various forms served into the 1940s it's

1406

00:57:42,069 --> 00:57:39,440

a very efficient airplane very fine

1407

00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:42,079

aircraft sold worldwide in very large

1408

00:57:47,030 --> 00:57:44,160

numbers gave rise to a number of

1409

00:57:48,630 --> 00:57:47,040

successor types but it's remarkable to

1410

00:57:51,190 --> 00:57:48,640

me that we can look at this airplane and

1411

00:57:52,950 --> 00:57:51,200

realize that this is ten years

1412

00:57:55,190 --> 00:57:52,960

after the development of the first

1413

00:57:58,309 --> 00:57:55,200

practical military airplane

1414

00:58:00,390 --> 00:57:58,319

and less than uh really just about 15

1415

00:58:01,990 --> 00:58:00,400

plus years after the invention of the

1416

00:58:04,630 --> 00:58:02,000

airplane itself

1417

00:58:06,390 --> 00:58:04,640

the bottom line that we have after

1418

00:58:09,670 --> 00:58:06,400

taking a look at this

1419

00:58:13,030 --> 00:58:09,680

is uh i think well captured in this

1420

00:58:16,230 --> 00:58:13,040

particular quote by an if by a army air

1421

00:58:18,230 --> 00:58:16,240

service officer looking at

1422

00:58:20,470 --> 00:58:18,240

the relative state of american and

1423

00:58:21,829 --> 00:58:20,480

european aeronautics there's no question

1424

00:58:23,589 --> 00:58:21,839

in the minds of either the french

1425

00:58:25,910 --> 00:58:23,599

english or americans but but that

1426

00:58:28,069 --> 00:58:25,920

germany is technically miles ahead of

1427

00:58:30,710 --> 00:58:28,079

any other country in the air

1428

00:58:34,069 --> 00:58:30,720

the challenge then becomes

1429

00:58:39,109 --> 00:58:34,079

how do you translate and transplant

1430

00:58:41,990 --> 00:58:40,390

put another way

1431

00:58:44,150 --> 00:58:42,000

how do you get the advantage of this

1432

00:58:46,309 --> 00:58:44,160

gertingen process and when you do get

1433

00:58:48,150 --> 00:58:46,319

that you will you will see a total

1434

00:58:50,549 --> 00:58:48,160

transformation of american aeronautics i

1435

00:58:53,270 --> 00:58:50,559

think it's well captured in a quote from

1436

00:58:56,390 --> 00:58:53,280

ira abbott and albert von donhoff two

1437

00:58:59,349 --> 00:58:56,400

leading uh figures in in airfoil design

1438

00:59:01,589 --> 00:58:59,359

who wrote in 1949 up to about the second

1439

00:59:04,390 --> 00:59:01,599

world war when most wings most wing

1440

00:59:07,190 --> 00:59:04,400

sections in common use were derived from

1441

00:59:09,910 --> 00:59:07,200

more or less extensions of the work at

1442

00:59:11,109 --> 00:59:09,920

guertingan okay fine

1443

00:59:13,109 --> 00:59:11,119

now

1444

00:59:15,589 --> 00:59:13,119

the mechanism of transfer has been

1445

00:59:19,190 --> 00:59:15,599

alluded to and that is that jerome clark

1446

00:59:21,349 --> 00:59:19,200

honsaka goes out and recruits max monk

1447

00:59:23,510 --> 00:59:21,359

after meeting him at guertingan to come

1448

00:59:25,270 --> 00:59:23,520

and work for the naca there's a little

1449

00:59:27,670 --> 00:59:25,280

bit of a more detailed story here but

1450

00:59:29,109 --> 00:59:27,680

that that's not incorrect by

1451  
00:59:30,069 --> 00:59:29,119  
any means

1452  
00:59:30,870 --> 00:59:30,079  
okay

1453  
00:59:31,670 --> 00:59:30,880  
and

1454  
00:59:40,390 --> 00:59:31,680  
the

1455  
00:59:42,309 --> 00:59:40,400  
office its first chief was william

1456  
00:59:43,349 --> 00:59:42,319  
knight william knight was an individual

1457  
00:59:45,430 --> 00:59:43,359  
who was

1458  
00:59:46,549 --> 00:59:45,440  
extraordinarily gifted in many ways

1459  
00:59:48,950 --> 00:59:46,559  
although he seems to have had

1460  
00:59:51,349 --> 00:59:48,960  
difficulties institutionally in getting

1461  
00:59:53,270 --> 00:59:51,359  
along with people the most important

1462  
00:59:56,789 --> 00:59:53,280  
thing that knight did was secure his

1463  
00:59:58,870 --> 00:59:56,799

jerome hunsacker wrote in 1920 the first

1464

01:00:00,789 --> 00:59:58,880

information on german aeronautical

1465

01:00:03,109 --> 01:00:00,799

science that has reached us

1466

01:00:04,870 --> 01:00:03,119

what that referred to were fifteen boxes

1467

01:00:08,470 --> 01:00:04,880

of german records of the so-called

1468

01:00:11,109 --> 01:00:08,480

technician bericta of the id fleeg the

1469

01:00:14,630 --> 01:00:11,119

inspectorate de frigothropen uh which

1470

01:00:16,710 --> 01:00:14,640

was the technical branch of the the uh

1471

01:00:18,789 --> 01:00:16,720

german air service administration and

1472

01:00:21,670 --> 01:00:18,799

the technician were very detailed

1473

01:00:23,750 --> 01:00:21,680

technical reports that related on a

1474

01:00:26,630 --> 01:00:23,760

number of things but primarily on

1475

01:00:29,750 --> 01:00:26,640

developments in aerodynamics

1476

01:00:31,589 --> 01:00:29,760

night spots max monk who is one of

1477

01:00:34,549 --> 01:00:31,599

pronthel's uh

1478

01:00:36,309 --> 01:00:34,559

assistants and recognizes that he is is

1479

01:00:39,030 --> 01:00:36,319

not only an extremist and would be

1480

01:00:40,950 --> 01:00:39,040

likely a good recruitment target but

1481

01:00:44,950 --> 01:00:40,960

also that he is a very very fine

1482

01:00:47,349 --> 01:00:44,960

individual that naca could benefit from

1483

01:00:49,829 --> 01:00:47,359

and then because of his associations

1484

01:00:52,069 --> 01:00:49,839

with hunsaka and also his uh getting to

1485

01:00:54,710 --> 01:00:52,079

know pronto he arranges for hunsaka to

1486

01:00:56,549 --> 01:00:54,720

approach pronto who buys prada law for

1487

01:00:59,270 --> 01:00:56,559

800 bucks to do a series of three

1488

01:01:00,470 --> 01:00:59,280

reports that the naca publishes very

1489

01:01:02,950 --> 01:01:00,480

early on

1490

01:01:04,710 --> 01:01:02,960

the point here and david bloor has

1491

01:01:07,030 --> 01:01:04,720

traced this very well looking at what

1492

01:01:09,990 --> 01:01:07,040

happens in england the point here is

1493

01:01:12,950 --> 01:01:10,000

that very early on you did not have this

1494

01:01:16,390 --> 01:01:12,960

corrosive force on force debate between

1495

01:01:18,549 --> 01:01:16,400

leonard barstow on one side and hermann

1496

01:01:21,109 --> 01:01:18,559

glauer representing the prodigal school

1497

01:01:24,069 --> 01:01:21,119

in the other that took so long in

1498

01:01:25,990 --> 01:01:24,079

england to 1926 to resolve very quickly

1499

01:01:28,470 --> 01:01:26,000

on the united states very pragmatically

1500

01:01:30,549 --> 01:01:28,480

said prandtl's the guy max monk is the

1501  
01:01:33,270 --> 01:01:30,559  
agent we need to get in this business we

1502  
01:01:34,870 --> 01:01:33,280  
need to get into it it fast

1503  
01:01:37,109 --> 01:01:34,880  
now i would not be

1504  
01:01:39,750 --> 01:01:37,119  
i would be remiss on my discussion of

1505  
01:01:41,750 --> 01:01:39,760  
the paris office if i did not mention

1506  
01:01:44,870 --> 01:01:41,760  
the most notable individual in the

1507  
01:01:47,670 --> 01:01:44,880  
history of that office and that's this

1508  
01:01:49,750 --> 01:01:47,680  
individual here john jay eyde having a

1509  
01:01:51,589 --> 01:01:49,760  
little bit of a hang up with this

1510  
01:01:53,670 --> 01:01:51,599  
john jay

1511  
01:01:55,270 --> 01:01:53,680  
a remarkable figure

1512  
01:01:56,950 --> 01:01:55,280  
he's a reserve naval intelligence

1513  
01:01:58,549 --> 01:01:56,960

officer he's a trained architect

1514

01:01:59,670 --> 01:01:58,559

graduate of columbia in the ecole de

1515

01:02:02,069 --> 01:01:59,680

bozart

1516

01:02:04,390 --> 01:02:02,079

he's a very careful analyst he's the son

1517

01:02:07,430 --> 01:02:04,400

of a navy admiral who was an exploration

1518

01:02:08,710 --> 01:02:07,440

admiral he was very fond of of doing

1519

01:02:10,390 --> 01:02:08,720

long-range

1520

01:02:13,270 --> 01:02:10,400

naval what we would see almost like

1521

01:02:16,710 --> 01:02:13,280

office of naval research type journey

1522

01:02:18,710 --> 01:02:16,720

journeys for the navy in his time

1523

01:02:19,990 --> 01:02:18,720

ide is fascinated with automobiles but

1524

01:02:21,670 --> 01:02:20,000

more importantly than that he's

1525

01:02:24,150 --> 01:02:21,680

fascinated with flight the other thing

1526

01:02:27,109 --> 01:02:24,160

is he is an extremely extremely

1527

01:02:29,270 --> 01:02:27,119

intelligent young person even as a child

1528

01:02:31,589 --> 01:02:29,280

it is extraordinary taking a look at his

1529

01:02:33,349 --> 01:02:31,599

childhood diaries

1530

01:02:35,349 --> 01:02:33,359

and his

1531

01:02:37,990 --> 01:02:35,359

recollections of family trips and the

1532

01:02:40,069 --> 01:02:38,000

notes and the drawings that he made it's

1533

01:02:41,829 --> 01:02:40,079

astonishingly how astonishing how

1534

01:02:44,150 --> 01:02:41,839

rapidly he developed

1535

01:02:46,309 --> 01:02:44,160

he was fluent in french had other

1536

01:02:48,309 --> 01:02:46,319

language capabilities as well

1537

01:02:50,710 --> 01:02:48,319

and as head of this office he displayed

1538

01:02:53,270 --> 01:02:50,720

a tremendous amount of tact he was able

1539

01:02:55,029 --> 01:02:53,280

to smooth over relationships that that

1540

01:02:57,109 --> 01:02:55,039

knight had not been able to affect with

1541

01:03:00,069 --> 01:02:57,119

the military attaches and things of this

1542

01:03:01,349 --> 01:03:00,079

sort and what we see about ide is that

1543

01:03:06,470 --> 01:03:01,359

he is the

1544

01:03:08,630 --> 01:03:06,480

he is not a spy

1545

01:03:10,789 --> 01:03:08,640

to use the word spy implies you're

1546

01:03:12,710 --> 01:03:10,799

engaging in covert activities where you

1547

01:03:15,670 --> 01:03:12,720

are dealing with covert sources and you

1548

01:03:17,829 --> 01:03:15,680

are violating the law uh not your law

1549

01:03:20,789 --> 01:03:17,839

necessarily but somebody's law

1550

01:03:22,390 --> 01:03:20,799

ide was careful not to stray very

1551

01:03:25,349 --> 01:03:22,400

careful not to stray into outright

1552

01:03:27,910 --> 01:03:25,359

espionage and because of that

1553

01:03:29,990 --> 01:03:27,920

he was able to move freely among all the

1554

01:03:31,990 --> 01:03:30,000

european nations and worked very very

1555

01:03:34,470 --> 01:03:32,000

effectively in this area

1556

01:03:36,150 --> 01:03:34,480

he scored multiple coups in getting

1557

01:03:39,029 --> 01:03:36,160

information very quickly that was

1558

01:03:41,349 --> 01:03:39,039

brought back to uh to the united states

1559

01:03:43,349 --> 01:03:41,359

now moving right along here

1560

01:03:45,670 --> 01:03:43,359

we come to

1561

01:03:46,870 --> 01:03:45,680

this a sample of some of ides

1562

01:03:49,190 --> 01:03:46,880

products

1563

01:03:51,349 --> 01:03:49,200

we come to max monk

1564

01:03:52,630 --> 01:03:51,359

max monk

1565

01:03:55,430 --> 01:03:52,640

was

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01:03:57,910 --> 01:03:55,440

ludwig prontel's most gifted student he

1567

01:04:00,230 --> 01:03:57,920

simplified and extended pronto lifting

1568

01:04:02,390 --> 01:04:00,240

theory he wrote most of the best of the

1569

01:04:04,870 --> 01:04:02,400

so-called technical reports

1570

01:04:07,029 --> 01:04:04,880

and his great contribution was in

1571

01:04:09,670 --> 01:04:07,039

recognizing that the idealized lifting

1572

01:04:11,190 --> 01:04:09,680

distribution over a wing was that of a

1573

01:04:13,270 --> 01:04:11,200

semi ellipse

1574

01:04:15,430 --> 01:04:13,280

more importantly than this though monk

1575

01:04:17,829 --> 01:04:15,440

had an idea as a result of his airship

1576

01:04:21,510 --> 01:04:17,839

work that he thought would be very very

1577

01:04:24,150 --> 01:04:21,520

valuable and that idea was to pressurize

1578

01:04:26,470 --> 01:04:24,160

a wind tunnel to build the wind tunnel

1579

01:04:28,789 --> 01:04:26,480

inside a pressurized vessel

1580

01:04:31,430 --> 01:04:28,799

and because of this you could

1581

01:04:33,510 --> 01:04:31,440

reduce the scaling errors that one would

1582

01:04:36,870 --> 01:04:33,520

have in trying to predict aircraft

1583

01:04:37,829 --> 01:04:36,880

performance from a small model

1584

01:04:40,150 --> 01:04:37,839

now

1585

01:04:41,829 --> 01:04:40,160

monk's transformation what we can say

1586

01:04:44,470 --> 01:04:41,839

that monk does

1587

01:04:47,349 --> 01:04:44,480

working at the naca

1588

01:04:49,510 --> 01:04:47,359

is monk basically transplants

1589

01:04:50,870 --> 01:04:49,520

gertingen research practices to the

1590

01:04:53,670 --> 01:04:50,880

tidewater

1591

01:04:56,069 --> 01:04:53,680

and the combination of this plus his

1592

01:04:58,230 --> 01:04:56,079

development of the real variable density

1593

01:04:59,190 --> 01:04:58,240

tunnel and then the propeller research

1594

01:05:01,990 --> 01:04:59,200

tunnel

1595

01:05:04,789 --> 01:05:02,000

really produces the circumstances under

1596

01:05:06,630 --> 01:05:04,799

which the naca is able to best

1597

01:05:09,029 --> 01:05:06,640

contribute to the rise of the american

1598

01:05:13,510 --> 01:05:09,039

aircraft industry when fred white for

1599

01:05:16,870 --> 01:05:13,520

example developed his naca cowling he

1600

01:05:18,789 --> 01:05:16,880

did so on the basis of max monk

1601

01:05:20,230 --> 01:05:18,799

propeller research tunnel

1602

01:05:22,549 --> 01:05:20,240

now

1603

01:05:26,069 --> 01:05:22,559

if we take a look at the

1604

01:05:28,069 --> 01:05:26,079

first fruits of monk's research

1605

01:05:29,910 --> 01:05:28,079

the first application of it was to an

1606

01:05:32,390 --> 01:05:29,920

american aircraft was otherwise

1607

01:05:35,670 --> 01:05:32,400

relatively unsuccessful and that was the

1608

01:05:37,349 --> 01:05:35,680

so-called verville sperry r3 racer this

1609

01:05:39,670 --> 01:05:37,359

is the first aircraft in the united

1610

01:05:41,829 --> 01:05:39,680

states to blend relatively all the

1611

01:05:44,069 --> 01:05:41,839

elements if you will of modern aircraft

1612

01:05:47,029 --> 01:05:44,079

design including a so-called monk

1613

01:05:48,789 --> 01:05:47,039

airfoil section a so-called m-series

1614

01:05:52,870 --> 01:05:48,799

section

1615

01:05:55,990 --> 01:05:52,880

now monk was forced out of the naca uh

1616

01:05:58,630 --> 01:05:56,000

because of personality disputes uh that

1617

01:06:00,309 --> 01:05:58,640

you uh that are covered in jim hansen's

1618

01:06:02,390 --> 01:06:00,319

book very very well

1619

01:06:04,470 --> 01:06:02,400

with the langley staff i think this was

1620

01:06:05,829 --> 01:06:04,480

these were largely driven by envy and

1621

01:06:08,710 --> 01:06:05,839

the fact that they did not fully

1622

01:06:09,670 --> 01:06:08,720

appreciate the uh the

1623

01:06:11,670 --> 01:06:09,680

uh

1624

01:06:13,349 --> 01:06:11,680

capabilities that he brought to the

1625

01:06:16,789 --> 01:06:13,359

agency as well

1626  
01:06:18,710 --> 01:06:16,799  
i would argue that if you take a look at

1627  
01:06:20,870 --> 01:06:18,720  
max monk's

1628  
01:06:22,390 --> 01:06:20,880  
relationship with the agency you would

1629  
01:06:25,190 --> 01:06:22,400  
find that

1630  
01:06:27,910 --> 01:06:25,200  
he did not receive the top cover he did

1631  
01:06:30,069 --> 01:06:27,920  
not receive the support from his own

1632  
01:06:32,390 --> 01:06:30,079  
engineering supervisors and managers

1633  
01:06:35,190 --> 01:06:32,400  
that he deserved he was overshadowed

1634  
01:06:38,390 --> 01:06:35,200  
much more by theodor fan carmen this is

1635  
01:06:39,910 --> 01:06:38,400  
a december 1926 photograph you see fond

1636  
01:06:42,309 --> 01:06:39,920  
carmen in the center of the photograph

1637  
01:06:44,470 --> 01:06:42,319  
he's already the new boy if you will max

1638  
01:06:48,230 --> 01:06:44,480

monks in front and behind him

1639

01:06:50,069 --> 01:06:48,240

is he reed and monk's position obscures

1640

01:06:52,470 --> 01:06:50,079

the knife and reed's hand that's about

1641

01:06:53,750 --> 01:06:52,480

to be plunged so to speak into max

1642

01:06:55,349 --> 01:06:53,760

monk's back

1643

01:06:58,710 --> 01:06:55,359

i would just say the following after

1644

01:07:03,109 --> 01:07:01,349

he went to work for catholic university

1645

01:07:05,510 --> 01:07:03,119

and among the individuals he mentored

1646

01:07:07,829 --> 01:07:05,520

there was robert t jones the american

1647

01:07:10,150 --> 01:07:07,839

inventor of the swept wing jones by the

1648

01:07:12,150 --> 01:07:10,160

way was introduced to monk via albert

1649

01:07:13,349 --> 01:07:12,160

francis zom another point worth

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01:07:15,349 --> 01:07:13,359

mentioning

1651

01:07:17,109 --> 01:07:15,359

where we really lost the advantage of

1652

01:07:20,150 --> 01:07:17,119

monk was this

1653

01:07:23,109 --> 01:07:20,160

because monk was not in the naca he was

1654

01:07:25,750 --> 01:07:23,119

not present in 1935

1655

01:07:27,670 --> 01:07:25,760

when boozman gave his presentation at

1656

01:07:29,990 --> 01:07:27,680

the volta conference on high speeds in

1657

01:07:32,470 --> 01:07:30,000

aviation on the swept wing

1658

01:07:34,150 --> 01:07:32,480

eastman jacobs was present and eastman

1659

01:07:35,750 --> 01:07:34,160

jacobs in his trip reports said that

1660

01:07:37,510 --> 01:07:35,760

since he really didn't speak any of the

1661

01:07:39,829 --> 01:07:37,520

languages of the conference he didn't

1662

01:07:41,510 --> 01:07:39,839

really have an opportunity to pick up on

1663

01:07:42,710 --> 01:07:41,520

any of the technical reports but he was

1664

01:07:44,630 --> 01:07:42,720

going to wait until he got the

1665

01:07:46,870 --> 01:07:44,640

information from overseas well it never

1666

01:07:48,390 --> 01:07:46,880

arrived because if you took a look at

1667

01:07:50,150 --> 01:07:48,400

what happened after that conference

1668

01:07:52,150 --> 01:07:50,160

certainly from the german side of it

1669

01:07:53,349 --> 01:07:52,160

buzaman's work was very very quickly

1670

01:07:55,670 --> 01:07:53,359

classified

1671

01:07:58,309 --> 01:07:55,680

had monk been there i don't think we

1672

01:08:01,109 --> 01:07:58,319

would have lost that 10 years that we

1673

01:08:02,630 --> 01:08:01,119

had in the development of the swept wing

1674

01:08:05,510 --> 01:08:02,640

in the united states which was the

1675

01:08:07,430 --> 01:08:05,520

greatest gap in aviation history in

1676

01:08:11,109 --> 01:08:07,440

technical development

1677

01:08:13,510 --> 01:08:11,119

until the advent of stealth in the 1980s

1678

01:08:15,349 --> 01:08:13,520

where you had a gap of about 25 years

1679

01:08:17,749 --> 01:08:15,359

before rivals appeared

1680

01:08:20,229 --> 01:08:17,759

now monk at the end of his days was

1681

01:08:22,550 --> 01:08:20,239

richly accorded honors uh not least of

1682

01:08:25,430 --> 01:08:22,560

which by the university of

1683

01:08:28,229 --> 01:08:25,440

catholic university which accorded him

1684

01:08:29,030 --> 01:08:28,239

the title professor emeritus in 1981 he

1685

01:08:30,789 --> 01:08:29,040

said

1686

01:08:32,870 --> 01:08:30,799

what a university

1687

01:08:35,030 --> 01:08:32,880

which remembers me with my moderate

1688

01:08:36,950 --> 01:08:35,040

services after so many years and takes

1689

01:08:39,349 --> 01:08:36,960

such a positive step just to make me

1690

01:08:41,189 --> 01:08:39,359

feel good i liked better what he said at

1691

01:08:42,870 --> 01:08:41,199

the annual review of fluid mechanics

1692

01:08:44,789 --> 01:08:42,880

when he wrote it makes me happy to

1693

01:08:46,709 --> 01:08:44,799

remember that long ago

1694

01:08:48,870 --> 01:08:46,719

at the beginning of aviation heaven

1695

01:08:50,709 --> 01:08:48,880

granted me the opportunity to make

1696

01:08:53,430 --> 01:08:50,719

significant contributions to

1697

01:09:02,229 --> 01:08:53,440

aerodynamics that he did very much thank

1698

01:09:05,669 --> 01:09:03,990

thank you dick it's always interesting

1699

01:09:07,430 --> 01:09:05,679

to hear about a fascinating character

1700

01:09:08,950 --> 01:09:07,440

such as max monk

1701

01:09:10,390 --> 01:09:08,960

next up on our

1702

01:09:12,390 --> 01:09:10,400

agenda is

1703

01:09:14,550 --> 01:09:12,400

sean sire sean

1704

01:09:16,709 --> 01:09:14,560

received his phd last year from the

1705

01:09:19,110 --> 01:09:16,719

esteemed history of aerotechnology

1706

01:09:21,349 --> 01:09:19,120

program at auburn university

1707

01:09:34,070 --> 01:09:21,359

and he was a post-doc here at the

1708

01:09:38,390 --> 01:09:35,990

afternoon everyone it's a pleasure to be

1709

01:09:40,390 --> 01:09:38,400

here with you all today

1710

01:09:42,309 --> 01:09:40,400

now for something completely different

1711

01:09:44,950 --> 01:09:42,319

we're going to dive into the legislative

1712

01:09:46,950 --> 01:09:44,960

realm question of regulation of aviation

1713

01:09:48,789 --> 01:09:46,960

in the naca's role

1714

01:09:51,749 --> 01:09:48,799

in those early discussions

1715

01:09:53,110 --> 01:09:51,759

my paper is entitled the war the naca

1716

01:09:55,350 --> 01:09:53,120

and the convention

1717

01:09:57,669 --> 01:09:55,360

laying the ideological foundation for

1718

01:10:00,870 --> 01:09:57,679

federal regulation during the wilson

1719

01:10:05,510 --> 01:10:02,950

when congress established the national

1720

01:10:07,110 --> 01:10:05,520

advisory committee for aeronautics 100

1721

01:10:09,430 --> 01:10:07,120

years ago today

1722

01:10:12,070 --> 01:10:09,440

no relationship existed between civil

1723

01:10:15,590 --> 01:10:12,080

aviation and the federal government

1724

01:10:17,270 --> 01:10:15,600

eleven years later on may 20th 1926

1725

01:10:18,950 --> 01:10:17,280

president coolidge signed the air

1726

01:10:21,189 --> 01:10:18,960

commerce act

1727

01:10:23,270 --> 01:10:21,199

this foundational piece of legislation

1728

01:10:24,390 --> 01:10:23,280

declared federal sovereignty over u.s

1729

01:10:25,990 --> 01:10:24,400

airspace

1730

01:10:27,830 --> 01:10:26,000

placed the regulation of civil

1731

01:10:30,550 --> 01:10:27,840

aeronautics and the creation of air

1732

01:10:32,709 --> 01:10:30,560

routes within the department of commerce

1733

01:10:35,430 --> 01:10:32,719

and created a new assistant secretary of

1734

01:10:36,950 --> 01:10:35,440

commerce for aeronautics

1735

01:10:39,590 --> 01:10:36,960

although passed in the heart of the

1736

01:10:41,590 --> 01:10:39,600

republic in 1920s the response of

1737

01:10:43,510 --> 01:10:41,600

american policymakers to international

1738

01:10:44,630 --> 01:10:43,520

developments immediately following world

1739

01:10:47,189 --> 01:10:44,640

war one

1740

01:10:49,030 --> 01:10:47,199

not the desires of a nascent industry

1741

01:10:51,990 --> 01:10:49,040

set the legislative trajectory that

1742

01:10:54,310 --> 01:10:52,000

culminated in the air commerce act

1743

01:10:56,310 --> 01:10:54,320

the naca set at the center of this

1744

01:10:59,350 --> 01:10:56,320

formative process and three of its

1745

01:11:01,350 --> 01:10:59,360

members smithsonian secretary and naca

1746

01:11:03,510 --> 01:11:01,360

chairman charles d walcott

1747

01:11:04,470 --> 01:11:03,520

executive committee chairman joseph s

1748

01:11:06,390 --> 01:11:04,480

ames

1749

01:11:10,229 --> 01:11:06,400

and director of the bureau of standards

1750

01:11:12,229 --> 01:11:10,239

samuel s stratton played pivotal roles

1751  
01:11:15,110 --> 01:11:12,239  
by the time warren g harding assumed

1752  
01:11:17,750 --> 01:11:15,120  
office on march 4th 1921

1753  
01:11:20,310 --> 01:11:17,760  
a regulatory ideology had crystallized

1754  
01:11:22,390 --> 01:11:20,320  
within the executive branch that would

1755  
01:11:24,390 --> 01:11:22,400  
with further modification be

1756  
01:11:26,310 --> 01:11:24,400  
institutionalized as the air commerce

1757  
01:11:28,390 --> 01:11:26,320  
act

1758  
01:11:30,870 --> 01:11:28,400  
the first federal regulation of civil

1759  
01:11:31,990 --> 01:11:30,880  
aviation arose in response to world war

1760  
01:11:34,709 --> 01:11:32,000  
one

1761  
01:11:36,630 --> 01:11:34,719  
on february 28 1918

1762  
01:11:38,790 --> 01:11:36,640  
president wilson issued proclamation

1763  
01:11:41,669 --> 01:11:38,800

number 1432

1764

01:11:44,229 --> 01:11:41,679

in doing so he declared the entirety of

1765

01:11:45,750 --> 01:11:44,239

u.s territory a zone of military

1766

01:11:47,990 --> 01:11:45,760

operations

1767

01:11:50,390 --> 01:11:48,000

pilots had to possess a license from the

1768

01:11:52,630 --> 01:11:50,400

joint army and navy board on aeronautic

1769

01:11:54,950 --> 01:11:52,640

cognizance and those flying without a

1770

01:11:56,550 --> 01:11:54,960

license would be considered hostile and

1771

01:11:58,630 --> 01:11:56,560

fired upon

1772

01:12:00,870 --> 01:11:58,640

during the war the board awarded

1773

01:12:02,470 --> 01:12:00,880

licenses only to those working under

1774

01:12:05,750 --> 01:12:02,480

government contract

1775

01:12:07,830 --> 01:12:05,760

effectively banning private flying

1776

01:12:09,910 --> 01:12:07,840

as the war came to a close the

1777

01:12:12,630 --> 01:12:09,920

manufacturer's aircraft association

1778

01:12:14,470 --> 01:12:12,640

hoped that the naca would take action to

1779

01:12:17,750 --> 01:12:14,480

develop air routes

1780

01:12:19,590 --> 01:12:17,760

but some naca members like joseph ames

1781

01:12:22,470 --> 01:12:19,600

viewed such work as outside the

1782

01:12:24,790 --> 01:12:22,480

committee's scientific mandate when

1783

01:12:26,950 --> 01:12:24,800

industry petitioned a second time the

1784

01:12:28,790 --> 01:12:26,960

executive committee authorized walcott

1785

01:12:30,550 --> 01:12:28,800

to discuss the possibility of a

1786

01:12:33,110 --> 01:12:30,560

legislative conference with the

1787

01:12:36,550 --> 01:12:33,120

postmaster general and the secretaries

1788

01:12:38,149 --> 01:12:36,560

of war navy and commerce

1789

01:12:41,110 --> 01:12:38,159

while industry may have sparked the

1790

01:12:43,270 --> 01:12:41,120

naca's initial action desires of allied

1791

01:12:45,750 --> 01:12:43,280

governments forced the naca to look more

1792

01:12:48,149 --> 01:12:45,760

closely at the domestic situation

1793

01:12:50,470 --> 01:12:48,159

on november 12th one day after the

1794

01:12:53,270 --> 01:12:50,480

armistice the state department received

1795

01:12:55,990 --> 01:12:53,280

an informal note from colville barclay

1796

01:12:58,149 --> 01:12:56,000

the british charged affairs at interim

1797

01:13:00,950 --> 01:12:58,159

requesting information concerning laws

1798

01:13:03,110 --> 01:13:00,960

regulating aviation in the united states

1799

01:13:04,790 --> 01:13:03,120

quote with a view to crafting an

1800

01:13:07,189 --> 01:13:04,800

international convention on aerial

1801

01:13:09,110 --> 01:13:07,199

navigation end quote

1802

01:13:10,470 --> 01:13:09,120

the naca received the request via the

1803

01:13:12,390 --> 01:13:10,480

war department

1804

01:13:14,550 --> 01:13:12,400

recognizing its limited knowledge on the

1805

01:13:17,189 --> 01:13:14,560

subject the executive committee asked

1806

01:13:19,750 --> 01:13:17,199

the 48 state governments to collect and

1807

01:13:22,550 --> 01:13:19,760

forward any and all laws pertaining to

1808

01:13:25,110 --> 01:13:22,560

aviation regulation

1809

01:13:26,950 --> 01:13:25,120

on december 14th the executive committee

1810

01:13:29,830 --> 01:13:26,960

authorized walcott to inform president

1811

01:13:32,149 --> 01:13:29,840

wilson of the urgent need for quote some

1812

01:13:35,110 --> 01:13:32,159

statement of principles which might lead

1813

01:13:37,430 --> 01:13:35,120

to an international agreement end quote

1814

01:13:39,430 --> 01:13:37,440

walcott's letter to wilson presented an

1815

01:13:41,910 --> 01:13:39,440

international aeronautical conference as

1816

01:13:43,669 --> 01:13:41,920

the best means to avoid quote future

1817

01:13:46,310 --> 01:13:43,679

irritation and international

1818

01:13:49,189 --> 01:13:46,320

complications end quote

1819

01:13:51,030 --> 01:13:49,199

walcott proposed a two-tiered system

1820

01:13:53,270 --> 01:13:51,040

an international board that would draft

1821

01:13:54,870 --> 01:13:53,280

regulations for aerial navigation over

1822

01:13:57,030 --> 01:13:54,880

international waters

1823

01:13:59,990 --> 01:13:57,040

and national boards that would draft

1824

01:14:02,630 --> 01:14:00,000

complementary domestic regulations

1825

01:14:04,870 --> 01:14:02,640

on december 31st the interdepartmental

1826

01:14:07,110 --> 01:14:04,880

conference on aerial navigation

1827

01:14:08,870 --> 01:14:07,120

meeting in response to the naca's

1828

01:14:09,990 --> 01:14:08,880

earlier proposal for a legislative

1829

01:14:12,550 --> 01:14:10,000

conference

1830

01:14:14,630 --> 01:14:12,560

agreed on draft legislation authorizing

1831

01:14:16,790 --> 01:14:14,640

the president to create such a national

1832

01:14:18,390 --> 01:14:16,800

board composed of the secretaries of

1833

01:14:20,229 --> 01:14:18,400

state war

1834

01:14:24,149 --> 01:14:20,239

navy commerce

1835

01:14:26,310 --> 01:14:24,159

treasury and the post master general

1836

01:14:28,229 --> 01:14:26,320

as the naca awaited comment from the

1837

01:14:29,990 --> 01:14:28,239

various executive departments on the

1838

01:14:31,669 --> 01:14:30,000

interdepartmental comp or on the

1839

01:14:32,870 --> 01:14:31,679

interdepartmental conference's draft

1840

01:14:34,870 --> 01:14:32,880

legislation

1841

01:14:37,110 --> 01:14:34,880

the domestic aeronautical situation

1842

01:14:40,229 --> 01:14:37,120

became increasingly chaotic

1843

01:14:42,870 --> 01:14:40,239

on january 20th 1919 the board on

1844

01:14:45,110 --> 01:14:42,880

aeronautic cognizance lifted wartime

1845

01:14:47,270 --> 01:14:45,120

licensing restrictions

1846

01:14:49,910 --> 01:14:47,280

unequipped to systematically regulate

1847

01:14:52,149 --> 01:14:49,920

civil aviation the joint board granted a

1848

01:14:54,310 --> 01:14:52,159

license to every applicant without

1849

01:14:55,990 --> 01:14:54,320

certifying their abilities or inspecting

1850

01:14:58,229 --> 01:14:56,000

their machines

1851  
01:14:59,510 --> 01:14:58,239  
director of military aeronautics general

1852  
01:15:02,070 --> 01:14:59,520  
william kinley

1853  
01:15:04,470 --> 01:15:02,080  
member of both the naca and the board of

1854  
01:15:06,470 --> 01:15:04,480  
aeronautic cognizants believed the board

1855  
01:15:08,070 --> 01:15:06,480  
lacked the authority to regulate aerial

1856  
01:15:09,669 --> 01:15:08,080  
traffic

1857  
01:15:11,830 --> 01:15:09,679  
his office brought the rapidly

1858  
01:15:13,910 --> 01:15:11,840  
deteriorating situation to the attention

1859  
01:15:15,990 --> 01:15:13,920  
of the naca

1860  
01:15:17,990 --> 01:15:16,000  
in response the executive committee

1861  
01:15:20,229 --> 01:15:18,000  
approved emergency legislation

1862  
01:15:22,830 --> 01:15:20,239  
authorizing the secretary of commerce to

1863  
01:15:25,750 --> 01:15:22,840

create and administer civil aviation

1864

01:15:27,590 --> 01:15:25,760

regulations the treasury department with

1865

01:15:29,430 --> 01:15:27,600

wilson's approval submitted the

1866

01:15:31,030 --> 01:15:29,440

emergency legislation to congress on

1867

01:15:33,030 --> 01:15:31,040

february 26th

1868

01:15:36,870 --> 01:15:33,040

but legislators failed to address the

1869

01:15:39,110 --> 01:15:36,880

matter before adjourning on march 4th

1870

01:15:41,510 --> 01:15:39,120

during the congressional recess rear

1871

01:15:43,590 --> 01:15:41,520

admiral harry s knopp and major general

1872

01:15:45,350 --> 01:15:43,600

mason patrick led the american

1873

01:15:47,510 --> 01:15:45,360

delegation to the inter-allied

1874

01:15:49,189 --> 01:15:47,520

aeronautical commission

1875

01:15:51,189 --> 01:15:49,199

tasked with drafting an international

1876

01:15:53,590 --> 01:15:51,199

air convention as part of the versailles

1877

01:15:55,590 --> 01:15:53,600

conference the commission presented the

1878

01:15:57,990 --> 01:15:55,600

convention relating to the

1879

01:16:02,310 --> 01:15:58,000

regulation of aerial navigation to the

1880

01:16:04,149 --> 01:16:02,320

supreme council on may 22 1919

1881

01:16:06,070 --> 01:16:04,159

the convention adopted the principle of

1882

01:16:08,310 --> 01:16:06,080

air sovereignty and established

1883

01:16:10,070 --> 01:16:08,320

standardized procedures for the marking

1884

01:16:12,470 --> 01:16:10,080

registration and airworthiness of

1885

01:16:16,070 --> 01:16:12,480

aircraft the licensing of pilots and

1886

01:16:17,910 --> 01:16:16,080

navigators and in-flight documentation

1887

01:16:19,750 --> 01:16:17,920

it also called for the creation of a

1888

01:16:22,310 --> 01:16:19,760

permanent international commission for

1889

01:16:24,390 --> 01:16:22,320

air navigation a body analogous to

1890

01:16:26,950 --> 01:16:24,400

walcott's international board

1891

01:16:29,350 --> 01:16:26,960

tied to the league of nations

1892

01:16:31,990 --> 01:16:29,360

that same day members of the american

1893

01:16:33,990 --> 01:16:32,000

aviation mission set sail for europe

1894

01:16:36,709 --> 01:16:34,000

assistant secretary of war benedict

1895

01:16:38,470 --> 01:16:36,719

crowl led this crowd commission on an

1896

01:16:41,750 --> 01:16:38,480

aeronautical fact-finding tour of

1897

01:16:43,830 --> 01:16:41,760

britain france and italy

1898

01:16:46,229 --> 01:16:43,840

in his report to secretary of war newton

1899

01:16:48,470 --> 01:16:46,239

d baker crowl stressed the international

1900

01:16:50,790 --> 01:16:48,480

nature of aviation and anticipated u.s

1901

01:16:52,470 --> 01:16:50,800

ratification of the convention

1902

01:16:54,950 --> 01:16:52,480

he recommended the creation of a

1903

01:16:57,430 --> 01:16:54,960

cabinet-level aviation department as the

1904

01:17:00,149 --> 01:16:57,440

only means of establishing a quote

1905

01:17:02,310 --> 01:17:00,159

single authoritative point of contact

1906

01:17:03,590 --> 01:17:02,320

for international aviation affairs end

1907

01:17:05,669 --> 01:17:03,600

quote

1908

01:17:08,149 --> 01:17:05,679

in his minority report navy

1909

01:17:09,830 --> 01:17:08,159

representative captain henry c mustin

1910

01:17:12,149 --> 01:17:09,840

disagreed with crowl's call for a

1911

01:17:14,149 --> 01:17:12,159

unified department as did secretary

1912

01:17:15,830 --> 01:17:14,159

baker

1913

01:17:18,709 --> 01:17:15,840

though it found supporters on capitol

1914

01:17:21,110 --> 01:17:18,719

hill the unified approach never gained

1915

01:17:22,790 --> 01:17:21,120

traction within the naca

1916

01:17:25,110 --> 01:17:22,800

on july 25th

1917

01:17:27,350 --> 01:17:25,120

william duran chairman of the naca's

1918

01:17:29,189 --> 01:17:27,360

committee on civil aerial transport

1919

01:17:30,630 --> 01:17:29,199

submitted his report to the executive

1920

01:17:32,790 --> 01:17:30,640

committee

1921

01:17:35,110 --> 01:17:32,800

in it he proposed the creation of an

1922

01:17:37,750 --> 01:17:35,120

interdepartmental board with legislative

1923

01:17:40,310 --> 01:17:37,760

functions that would work in tandem with

1924

01:17:42,229 --> 01:17:40,320

a new commerce department agency vested

1925

01:17:44,390 --> 01:17:42,239

with executive power

1926

01:17:46,149 --> 01:17:44,400

his proposal essentially merged the

1927

01:17:48,310 --> 01:17:46,159

inter-departmental conference's draft

1928

01:17:50,070 --> 01:17:48,320

bill with the naca's emergency

1929

01:17:51,270 --> 01:17:50,080

legislation

1930

01:17:53,189 --> 01:17:51,280

this approach

1931

01:17:55,430 --> 01:17:53,199

one that retained existing departmental

1932

01:17:57,270 --> 01:17:55,440

separation while creating a body for

1933

01:17:59,189 --> 01:17:57,280

international coordination

1934

01:18:01,590 --> 01:17:59,199

offered an attractive alternative to

1935

01:18:03,830 --> 01:18:01,600

crowl's proposal

1936

01:18:06,229 --> 01:18:03,840

a month later director of air service

1937

01:18:08,149 --> 01:18:06,239

major general charles menoher brought

1938

01:18:10,310 --> 01:18:08,159

duran's idea to the attention of the

1939

01:18:12,310 --> 01:18:10,320

senate military affairs committee

1940

01:18:14,790 --> 01:18:12,320

testifying against senator harry

1941

01:18:17,350 --> 01:18:14,800

newsbill creating a department of air he

1942

01:18:19,510 --> 01:18:17,360

called for a civilian aviation bureau

1943

01:18:21,669 --> 01:18:19,520

quote under say the department of

1944

01:18:23,350 --> 01:18:21,679

commerce end quote that would consult

1945

01:18:25,189 --> 01:18:23,360

with the military through a control

1946

01:18:27,510 --> 01:18:25,199

board

1947

01:18:29,030 --> 01:18:27,520

in the last week of july a combination

1948

01:18:30,950 --> 01:18:29,040

of domestic and international

1949

01:18:33,110 --> 01:18:30,960

developments forced the wilson

1950

01:18:36,070 --> 01:18:33,120

administration to directly confront the

1951

01:18:38,830 --> 01:18:36,080

question of regulatory legislation

1952

01:18:41,430 --> 01:18:38,840

on july 24th the board on aeronautic

1953

01:18:43,669 --> 01:18:41,440

cognizants aware of the recently drafted

1954

01:18:45,830 --> 01:18:43,679

international convention and problems

1955

01:18:47,910 --> 01:18:45,840

with its current licensing system

1956

01:18:49,990 --> 01:18:47,920

wrote secretary baker and secretary of

1957

01:18:51,590 --> 01:18:50,000

the navy josephus daniels

1958

01:18:53,430 --> 01:18:51,600

recommending the creation of an

1959

01:18:55,110 --> 01:18:53,440

interdepartmental board to draft

1960

01:18:57,110 --> 01:18:55,120

legislation

1961

01:18:58,870 --> 01:18:57,120

that same week the state department

1962

01:19:01,030 --> 01:18:58,880

distributed drafts of the international

1963

01:19:04,630 --> 01:19:01,040

convention to the interested executive

1964

01:19:07,270 --> 01:19:04,640

departments and the naca for comment

1965

01:19:09,430 --> 01:19:07,280

on july 31st wilson rescinded

1966

01:19:11,510 --> 01:19:09,440

proclamation 1432

1967

01:19:12,790 --> 01:19:11,520

severing civil aviation from the federal

1968

01:19:14,709 --> 01:19:12,800

government

1969

01:19:16,709 --> 01:19:14,719

secretary baker discussed the urgent

1970

01:19:18,950 --> 01:19:16,719

need for legislation with the president

1971

01:19:21,189 --> 01:19:18,960

and wilson recommended that the proposed

1972

01:19:23,189 --> 01:19:21,199

interdepartmental board also include the

1973

01:19:26,470 --> 01:19:23,199

state department and address u.s

1974

01:19:28,390 --> 01:19:26,480

ratification of the convention

1975

01:19:30,149 --> 01:19:28,400

the naca created the special

1976

01:19:32,630 --> 01:19:30,159

subcommittee on international air

1977

01:19:34,950 --> 01:19:32,640

navigation to coordinate departmental

1978

01:19:37,350 --> 01:19:34,960

responses to the convention

1979

01:19:39,189 --> 01:19:37,360

under the chairmanship of charles marvin

1980

01:19:41,350 --> 01:19:39,199

the subcommittee recommended

1981

01:19:43,590 --> 01:19:41,360

ratification of the convention quote as

1982

01:19:45,910 --> 01:19:43,600

it stands end quote

1983

01:19:47,830 --> 01:19:45,920

crowl speaking for the american aviation

1984

01:19:50,149 --> 01:19:47,840

mission viewed the convention as the

1985

01:19:52,310 --> 01:19:50,159

best way to prevent the passage of 48

1986

01:19:53,750 --> 01:19:52,320

different and potentially conflicting

1987

01:19:55,510 --> 01:19:53,760

state laws

1988

01:19:57,750 --> 01:19:55,520

under the constitution's treaty powers

1989

01:19:59,590 --> 01:19:57,760

the convention if ratified

1990

01:20:01,990 --> 01:19:59,600

would justify the passage of federal

1991

01:20:04,470 --> 01:20:02,000

legislation allowing for uniform

1992

01:20:06,470 --> 01:20:04,480

domestic regulation

1993

01:20:08,950 --> 01:20:06,480

by the time secretary baker called the

1994

01:20:10,310 --> 01:20:08,960

inter-departmental board on october 10th

1995

01:20:12,709 --> 01:20:10,320

the state department had received

1996

01:20:15,750 --> 01:20:12,719

feedback overwhelmingly endorsing u.s

1997

01:20:17,430 --> 01:20:15,760

ratification of the convention

1998

01:20:18,870 --> 01:20:17,440

at its first meeting the

1999

01:20:21,350 --> 01:20:18,880

interdepartmental board members

2000

01:20:23,110 --> 01:20:21,360

determined that legislation should be in

2001

01:20:25,189 --> 01:20:23,120

agreement with the convention

2002

01:20:27,350 --> 01:20:25,199

provide for u.s representation on the

2003

01:20:29,590 --> 01:20:27,360

permanent international commission

2004

01:20:31,189 --> 01:20:29,600

establish a national commission to draft

2005

01:20:32,390 --> 01:20:31,199

rules and regulations for aerial

2006

01:20:34,470 --> 01:20:32,400

navigation

2007

01:20:36,470 --> 01:20:34,480

and create an enforcement bureau within

2008

01:20:39,110 --> 01:20:36,480

an existing department

2009

01:20:41,430 --> 01:20:39,120

after the departments of war navy post

2010

01:20:43,590 --> 01:20:41,440

office and commerce were all offered as

2011

01:20:44,470 --> 01:20:43,600

possible homes for this new enforcement

2012

01:20:46,149 --> 01:20:44,480

bureau

2013

01:20:48,229 --> 01:20:46,159

samuel stratton pointed out that

2014

01:20:50,229 --> 01:20:48,239

congress would not place civil functions

2015

01:20:52,149 --> 01:20:50,239

under military control

2016

01:20:54,070 --> 01:20:52,159

after further discussion the board

2017

01:20:57,189 --> 01:20:54,080

agreed to place the enforcement bureau

2018

01:20:58,950 --> 01:20:57,199

within the department of commerce

2019

01:21:00,470 --> 01:20:58,960

crafted for the express purpose of

2020

01:21:03,189 --> 01:21:00,480

enforcing international treaty

2021

01:21:05,110 --> 01:21:03,199

provisions the subsequent bill created

2022

01:21:06,709 --> 01:21:05,120

an air navigation board

2023

01:21:08,070 --> 01:21:06,719

composed of representatives from the

2024

01:21:12,070 --> 01:21:08,080

departments of war

2025

01:21:14,550 --> 01:21:12,080

navy commerce treasury post office state

2026

01:21:16,550 --> 01:21:14,560

agriculture and the naca

2027

01:21:19,510 --> 01:21:16,560

this body would draft both interstate

2028

01:21:21,910 --> 01:21:19,520

and intrastate regulations that would

2029

01:21:25,110 --> 01:21:21,920

then be quote approved and promulgated

2030

01:21:27,110 --> 01:21:25,120

by the secretary of commerce end quote

2031

01:21:29,510 --> 01:21:27,120

this draft bill meant with widespread

2032

01:21:32,550 --> 01:21:29,520

acceptance within the executive branch

2033

01:21:34,390 --> 01:21:32,560

and 46 pages of air regulations drawn

2034

01:21:38,390 --> 01:21:34,400

from the international convention were

2035

01:21:40,229 --> 01:21:38,400

drafted in anticipation of its passage

2036

01:21:43,510 --> 01:21:40,239

while the interdepartmental board worked

2037

01:21:44,950 --> 01:21:43,520

on its final draft the naca recognized

2038

01:21:47,590 --> 01:21:44,960

the need to formulate an official

2039

01:21:49,510 --> 01:21:47,600

position on aviation regulation

2040

01:21:51,990 --> 01:21:49,520

on november 25th

2041

01:21:54,870 --> 01:21:52,000

second assistant postmaster otto prager

2042

01:21:57,030 --> 01:21:54,880

joined walcott stratton and ames as the

2043

01:22:00,310 --> 01:21:57,040

special committee on organization of

2044

01:22:02,070 --> 01:22:00,320

governmental activities in aeronautics

2045

01:22:04,149 --> 01:22:02,080

mustin's minority report to the crowd

2046

01:22:05,910 --> 01:22:04,159

commission and men o'hare's report

2047

01:22:08,390 --> 01:22:05,920

calling for the continued independence

2048

01:22:11,110 --> 01:22:08,400

of army aviation greatly influenced

2049

01:22:13,270 --> 01:22:11,120

special committee chairman ames

2050

01:22:14,149 --> 01:22:13,280

at the executive committee's february 12

2051

01:22:16,629 --> 01:22:14,159

meeting

2052

01:22:18,709 --> 01:22:16,639

walcott presented draft legislation

2053

01:22:20,550 --> 01:22:18,719

based on the work of this exec of this

2054

01:22:22,149 --> 01:22:20,560

special committee

2055

01:22:23,270 --> 01:22:22,159

it called for a bureau in the department

2056

01:22:25,910 --> 01:22:23,280

of commerce

2057

01:22:28,470 --> 01:22:25,920

a consultative joint board and separate

2058

01:22:30,790 --> 01:22:28,480

aviation bureaus in the army navy and

2059

01:22:33,110 --> 01:22:30,800

post office departments

2060

01:22:34,709 --> 01:22:33,120

while particulars of the two differed

2061

01:22:36,870 --> 01:22:34,719

both the inter-departmental board's

2062

01:22:39,110 --> 01:22:36,880

draft legislation and that of the

2063

01:22:41,990 --> 01:22:39,120

special committee adopted the national

2064

01:22:44,550 --> 01:22:42,000

board commerce department framework

2065

01:22:48,709 --> 01:22:44,560

with ames stratton and prager serving on

2066

01:22:50,709 --> 01:22:48,719

both bodies this comes as no surprise

2067

01:22:53,030 --> 01:22:50,719

at the direction of president wilson

2068

01:22:55,510 --> 01:22:53,040

secretary baker forded copies of the

2069

01:22:57,830 --> 01:22:55,520

interdepartmental board's legislation to

2070

01:23:00,070 --> 01:22:57,840

california representative julius cahn

2071

01:23:01,830 --> 01:23:00,080

and senator wadsworth of new york in

2072

01:23:03,550 --> 01:23:01,840

early may

2073

01:23:06,870 --> 01:23:03,560

khan submitted h.r

2074

01:23:10,790 --> 01:23:06,880

14061 on may 13th and wadsworth

2075

01:23:12,470 --> 01:23:10,800

presented s 4470 two weeks later

2076

01:23:14,070 --> 01:23:12,480

in a letter to chairman of the house

2077

01:23:15,910 --> 01:23:14,080

committee on interstate and foreign

2078

01:23:17,750 --> 01:23:15,920

commerce john jay esch

2079

01:23:19,830 --> 01:23:17,760

baker discussed the urgent need for

2080

01:23:22,629 --> 01:23:19,840

legislation to protect the rights of

2081

01:23:24,149 --> 01:23:22,639

american aviation aviators wishing to

2082

01:23:26,790 --> 01:23:24,159

enter canada

2083

01:23:29,030 --> 01:23:26,800

the canadian air regulations in 1920

2084

01:23:31,270 --> 01:23:29,040

based on the international convention

2085

01:23:33,270 --> 01:23:31,280

allowed for secondary registration of

2086

01:23:35,510 --> 01:23:33,280

foreign aircraft if an official

2087

01:23:37,510 --> 01:23:35,520

agreement existed between canada and the

2088

01:23:39,189 --> 01:23:37,520

aircraft's home country

2089

01:23:41,830 --> 01:23:39,199

because the united states lacked a

2090

01:23:43,750 --> 01:23:41,840

national system for primary registration

2091

01:23:45,510 --> 01:23:43,760

and no such agreement existed between

2092

01:23:47,510 --> 01:23:45,520

the two nations

2093

01:23:49,669 --> 01:23:47,520

u.s aircraft could not legally enter

2094

01:23:51,830 --> 01:23:49,679

canadian airspace

2095

01:23:54,270 --> 01:23:51,840

baker saw the national board commerce

2096

01:23:57,270 --> 01:23:54,280

department framework within hr

2097

01:23:59,270 --> 01:23:57,280

14061 as the quickest means of achieving

2098

01:24:02,149 --> 01:23:59,280

the system of federal licensing and

2099

01:24:04,149 --> 01:24:02,159

registration necessary for cross-border

2100

01:24:06,629 --> 01:24:04,159

flight

2101  
01:24:08,229 --> 01:24:06,639  
drawing on the naca's draft legislation

2102  
01:24:10,950 --> 01:24:08,239  
of february 12th

2103  
01:24:14,070 --> 01:24:10,960  
committee members walcott admiral david

2104  
01:24:16,470 --> 01:24:14,080  
w taylor and captain thomas t craven

2105  
01:24:18,390 --> 01:24:16,480  
drafted a separate bill in coordination

2106  
01:24:19,830 --> 01:24:18,400  
with new york congressman frederick c

2107  
01:24:21,669 --> 01:24:19,840  
hicks

2108  
01:24:24,070 --> 01:24:21,679  
introduced on may 20th

2109  
01:24:25,830 --> 01:24:24,080  
h.r 14137

2110  
01:24:28,070 --> 01:24:25,840  
called for a bureau of aeronautics in

2111  
01:24:29,990 --> 01:24:28,080  
the department of commerce a new

2112  
01:24:32,390 --> 01:24:30,000  
commissioner of aeronautics and an

2113  
01:24:33,910 --> 01:24:32,400

aeronautical board empowered to approve

2114

01:24:35,830 --> 01:24:33,920

the commissioner's air routes and

2115

01:24:37,510 --> 01:24:35,840

regulations as well as separate

2116

01:24:41,189 --> 01:24:37,520

aeronautical agencies in the departments

2117

01:24:43,669 --> 01:24:41,199

of war navy and post office

2118

01:24:45,510 --> 01:24:43,679

by the time u.s ambassador hugh wallace

2119

01:24:47,750 --> 01:24:45,520

signed the international convention on

2120

01:24:49,990 --> 01:24:47,760

may 31 1920

2121

01:24:52,070 --> 01:24:50,000

three pieces of enabling legislation

2122

01:24:54,149 --> 01:24:52,080

awaited congressional action

2123

01:24:56,790 --> 01:24:54,159

although possessing differences the

2124

01:24:58,950 --> 01:24:56,800

similarities among the khan wadsworth

2125

01:25:01,669 --> 01:24:58,960

and hicks bills show that six months

2126  
01:25:03,430 --> 01:25:01,679  
before harding's presidential victory a

2127  
01:25:05,590 --> 01:25:03,440  
consensus had developed within the

2128  
01:25:08,709 --> 01:25:05,600  
executive branch that supported federal

2129  
01:25:10,550 --> 01:25:08,719  
regulation of civil aviation through a

2130  
01:25:11,750 --> 01:25:10,560  
national board commerce department

2131  
01:25:13,830 --> 01:25:11,760  
framework

2132  
01:25:15,910 --> 01:25:13,840  
subsequent revisions to the hicks bill

2133  
01:25:18,470 --> 01:25:15,920  
within the executive committee provided

2134  
01:25:20,229 --> 01:25:18,480  
for an expansion of the naca's authority

2135  
01:25:22,229 --> 01:25:20,239  
essentially transforming it into the

2136  
01:25:23,510 --> 01:25:22,239  
proposed national board

2137  
01:25:25,910 --> 01:25:23,520  
when this approach was ultimately

2138  
01:25:27,910 --> 01:25:25,920

rejected the national board element also

2139

01:25:29,669 --> 01:25:27,920

fell out of favor but the commerce

2140

01:25:33,110 --> 01:25:29,679

department component persisted into

2141

01:25:34,550 --> 01:25:33,120

subsequent republican administrations

2142

01:25:36,390 --> 01:25:34,560

international events provided the

2143

01:25:37,750 --> 01:25:36,400

primary impetus for this consensus

2144

01:25:39,750 --> 01:25:37,760

building process during the wilson

2145

01:25:42,390 --> 01:25:39,760

administration and the international

2146

01:25:45,189 --> 01:25:42,400

convention justified legislative action

2147

01:25:46,709 --> 01:25:45,199

in a constitutionally ambiguous area

2148

01:25:49,030 --> 01:25:46,719

after the senate's rejection of the

2149

01:25:50,870 --> 01:25:49,040

versailles treaty and u.s membership in

2150

01:25:52,790 --> 01:25:50,880

league of nations

2151  
01:25:55,030 --> 01:25:52,800  
the international convention no longer

2152  
01:25:56,470 --> 01:25:55,040  
offered a strong rationale for federal

2153  
01:25:58,470 --> 01:25:56,480  
regulation

2154  
01:26:00,390 --> 01:25:58,480  
while constitutional concerns and calls

2155  
01:26:01,669 --> 01:26:00,400  
for a united department of air persisted

2156  
01:26:03,750 --> 01:26:01,679  
throughout the harding and coolidge

2157  
01:26:06,310 --> 01:26:03,760  
administrations the commerce department

2158  
01:26:08,629 --> 01:26:06,320  
model initially proposed and agreed upon

2159  
01:26:10,870 --> 01:26:08,639  
at the peak of wilson internationalism