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**Photo Albums and correspondence of Leo Villa, Chief
Engineer to Donald Campbell CBE, relating to the
world speed records in *Bluebird* hydroplane and car,
1952 to 1967**

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- 1 1949 May-
1950 Sept Photo Album [containing 25 photos,
newspaper clippings etc, re the
preparation for, and attempts on, the
water speed record with *Bluebird*
hydroplane at Coniston. Frontispiece
contains brief description. Each
photo captioned; first is holograph-
signed by Campbell and dedicated to Leo
Villa after first record attempt at
Coniston 1950 Jul 2]
36p, 25 x 29cm
- 2 1955 '*Bluebird*' Ullswater 1955. Speed 202.32
m.p.h. [Photo album containing 11 photos
re the successful attempt at the water
speed record at Ullswater. Frontispiece
has a holograph-signed dedication to Tim
Villa presented by Campbell]
12 leaves, 32.5 x 26cm
- 3 1952-55 Ullswater 1955. [Photo album, containing
introduction and 41 captioned photos, re
Bluebird turbo-jet hydroplane and its
construction, testing and unveiling at
Samlesbury in December 1954. Also, later
trials, modifications and christening at
Ullswater in 1955 and the successful
record attempt 202.32 mph. and celebra-
tions with the 'team']
36p, 29 x 25cm
- 4/1 1955 Oct 5 Certificate of British Registry C.344 Cover
[for *Bluebird* turbo-jet hydroplane with]
Official Number 186300
1 leaf, 12.5 x 24cm
- 4/2 1964 Oct 13 Australian Department of Supply Report on
radiological examination of '*Bluebird*'
hydroplane, [with copy]
4 leaves
- 5 1955 July-
1956 Lake Mead Nevada - Coniston 1955-56 [Photo
album with introductory pages and many
captioned photographs re world water
speed records achieved by Campbell at
Lake Mead, Nevada and at Coniston.
Includes photos of the record in Nevada;
presentation of Sahara Trophy; Campbell
outside Buckingham Palace after
receiving his CBE (bearing "To: My old
pal 'Leo' What! No Grease Pat!"). Also
photos from his appearance on 'This is
Your Life']
40p, 21.5 x 29.5cm

- 6 1956-60 Photo Album [re '*Proteus*' *Bluebird* car and hydroplane. Includes 1960 Utah land speed record attempt with detailed photos of car's planning, testing, construction and publicity. Hydroplane material includes its planning, testing and publicity, and successful attempts at the water speed record in 1956, 1958 and 1959 on Coniston Water. Last page has plan for the CN7 *Bluebird* car designed by Norris Brothers Ltd]
116p, 27.5 x 30cm
- 7 1955-67 [File containing letters of congratulations, telegrams and good luck messages to Campbell. Includes a telegram and letter from Anthony Eden of 24.9.56 and 26.3.56 respectively; copy of Memorial Service of 1967 Feb 27 with tribute by Rev. John Hancock; invitation to act as judge for awarding National Trophy for greatest contribution to road safety for children]
28 items
- 8 [Miscellaneous loose photographs re the *Bluebird* car and hydroplane]
- 8/1 [Bristol Siddeley engines (probably) used for *Bluebird* car or hydroplane]
6 b+w
- 8/2 [Miscellaneous photos showing components, planning, construction and workshop interiors]
22 b+w
- 8/3 [Miscellaneous photos re *Bluebird* car]
- 8/3/1 1960 [Utah world speed land record attempt; include views of the crash damage]
25 b+w
- 8/3/2 1961-64 [World land speed record, Lake Eyre, South Australia, some with captions, including Campbell being greeted by Prime Minister Menzies, Canberra, Oct 1961; specially designed cutting equipment used to flatten the salt surface; exhibition at second Melbourne International Trade Fair, 1963; greetings in Adelaide after breaking record in 1964]
63 b+w, 6 b+w contact sheets

8/3/3 1958-64 [Captioned photos re *Bluebird's* components, testing and construction]
14 b+w

8/3/4 1958-64 [Untitled, re *Bluebird's* components, model testing and construction at Motor Panels Ltd of Coventry (including visit by Prince Phillip); land speed record attempts at Utah and Lake Eyre; visit to Goodwood]
11 colour (including 2 contact sheets), 101 b+w

8/3/5 [Miscellaneous, including artist's impression and detailed general arrangement]
8 b+w

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