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Summary Information

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| Abstract: | The collection was created by combining inactive records from various staff members within the International Division. The records span various decades from 1953 to 1970. The collection consists of Field Office Files and portions of the subject files of two Foundation staff members, Herbert Passin and Melvin Fox. The Field Office files hold correspondence, memoranda and reports originating from the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) and South and Southeast Asia (SSEA) regional offices. Melvin Fox's subject files primarily pertain to the Language Development Study (1966-1967). Herbert Passin's subject files document his work as a consultant, focusing on education and cooperation between the United States and Japan, including basic dockets on the Foundation's Japan program (1963-1966) and support for English as a Second Language (1966). |

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Biographical/Historical note

The Ford Foundation has been engaged in overseas work since the early 1950s. The Foundation's aspiration to become a national and international philanthropy for the advancement of human welfare was first formally expressed in the seminal 1949 report of the Gaither Study Committee, which was commissioned by the Board of Trustees to chart the future. In 1951, the Foundation established two of its first grant programs, Overseas Development (OD) and Overseas Training and Research (OTR). The granting goals were to increase agricultural production, improve health and living conditions, and advance education. South and Southeast Asia were the initial focus, with India and Pakistan receiving the majority of grants. A more limited number of grants were issued in Indonesia and Burma. A program for smaller regional and national grants also was initiated for the Near East. In 1957, Overseas Development further expanded to include programs in Latin America.

In 1957, the Foundation established a program in International Training and Research (ITR) the goal of which was to strengthen American competence in foreign affairs and international relations. ITR supported scholarship and teaching in areas where American knowledge and trained personnel were limited. The Foundation offered area studies in Asia, Africa, the Near East, the Soviet Union, and East Europe. In its international training and exchange programs, the Foundation and its grantees coordinated closely with the U.S. State Department, which sponsored exchanges between the United States and other countries as a matter of government policy.

During the first couple decades of the Foundation's existence the differentiation between program areas had yet to be established. According to the 1949 Gaithner Report that laid the groundwork for the Ford Foundation's work as an international philanthropy, the goal of Program Area One was the Establishment of Peace. This program had four parts: the mitigation of world tensions, the development of the understanding and conditions for peace among peoples of the world, the strengthening of the United Nations, and the improvement of both private and public American participation in world affairs. Much of the work of the Overseas Development Program therefore fell under the auspices of Program Area One.

As part of a Foundation reorganization in 1966, the Overseas Development Program, along with other international programs such as International Training and Research (ITR) and Population, became part of a single International Division (ID). A subsequent restructuring of the International Division occurred in 1980-1981 and led to the creation of the Developing Countries Program (DCP). DCP was again restructured in 1989, resulting in the separating of programs in Africa and the Middle East (AME, formerly MEA), Asia (ASIA), Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC/OLAC), Human Rights and Governance (HRG), Education and Culture (EC), Program-Related Investments (PRI), and International Affairs (IA) as independent program areas.

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Biographical/Historical note

Melvin J. Fox was born on November 26, 1913 and graduated from American University in 1940 with a B.A. in International Economics. He joined the Ford Foundation in July 1951 as a consultant on international affairs and served as part of its charter staff. In November of the same year he became a staff associate and, in 1953, he advanced to Executive Associate for International Training and Research (ITR). Mr. Fox was promoted to Program Associate in October of 1957 and he served as Associate Director of the International Training and Research Program from 1961 through 1966. In early 1967, he became Program Officer for Planning and Evaluation in the International Division, and later that year was promoted to Deputy Representative for West Africa within the Middle East and Africa (MEA) Program. Mr. Fox subsequently held the positions of Program Officer for the Middle East and Africa (1970) and Program Advisor for MEA (1972) before rising to Representative for West Africa in May 1975. From September 5 to November 2, 1983, he became Acting Representative for the Developing Countries Program in Lagos, Nigeria. During his time at Ford, his work focused on foreign academic exchange, the teaching of the English language abroad, development projects in Africa, and African studies at U.S. Universities. Mr. Fox died in 1998.

Herbert Passin was born in Chicago on December 16, 1916 and graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.A. in Genetics. Later, in 1941, he received a B.A. and a M.A. in Anthropology from Northwestern University.

When World War II broke out, Mr. Passin learned Japanese at an army language school, and in December 1945, served as chief of the Public Opinion and Sociological Research Division in General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. He later held positions at the University of California, the Social Science Research Council in Japan, Ohio State University, the Congress of Cultural Freedom, the University of Washington in Seattle, and Columbia University in New York.

The Ford Foundation hired Mr. Passin as a consultant for his expertise on Japan in 1962. He served as a program advisor during the Foundation's expansion into Japan. In 1967, Mr. Passin helped found the Shimoda Conference and the first U.S.-Japan parliamentary exchange program. He returned to Columbia University, where he chaired the Sociology Department from 1973 to 1977. He died on February 26, 2003 at the age of 86.

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Biographical / Historical

Segment One: International Activities of the Ford Foundation: An Overview

The Foundation's aspiration to become a national and international philanthropy for the advancement of human welfare was first formally expressed in the seminal 1949 report of the Gaither Study Committee, *Report of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program* (RAC Library, call letters

361.7 GAI), which was commissioned by the Board of Trustees to chart the Foundation's future. Foundation Trustees launched Ford's international grantmaking activities in 1950 when they approved the committee's report and its embrace of peace, democracy, and freedom. Since then, the Foundation has tackled these goals using a variety of strategies and responding to changing contexts, from the Cold War to the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall and beyond.

Toward the Foundation's aspirational goal, "the establishment of peace", its international activities have comprised a wide range of conceptual approaches and focus areas. These include international affairs, international studies, international understanding, arms control and disarmament, international law, international economic concerns, and overseas development in nearly every region of the world. Three distinct periods emerge for the international grantmaking defined by external contextual changes and internal changes in Foundation leadership and structures: the expansion era of 1950-1965; the transition and restructuring years of 1966-1988; and the post-1989 shift away from Cold War dichotomies. During each of the distinct historical periods the consistent objectives were: 1) to ensure freedom and democracy in developed countries; 2) to foster education and international understanding in all countries; and 3) to contribute to the social, economic, and political development of less developed countries.

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Scope and Contents note

The International Division Program Area One Files are an artificially created collection of records from the International Division (ID) and International Training and Research (ITR) spanning from 1953 to 1970. The collection consists of Field Office Files and portions of the subject files of two staff members, Herbert Passin and Melvin Fox.

The Field Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda and reports originating from the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) and South and Southeast Asia (SSEA) regional offices. The correspondence in the field office files relates to then-ongoing programs, such as the Foundation's support for the distribution of intra-uterine devices for birth control in India (1965-1966). Internal memoranda describe policy issues, from cost of living expenses for Foundation staff and local litigation over housing in Pakistan to Foundation policy on travel and study awards. Reports include one on a Foundation mission to Mexico (1964) and an economic and development report on India (1964). The subject files of Melvin Fox contained in this collection primarily pertain to a Language Development Study (1966-1967). The study researched the best method for teaching languages, particularly foreign or second languages. The correspondence associated with the study reveals some of the academic disputes over the findings.

Herbert Passin, an expert on Japan who served as a program advisor for the Foundation's expansion into Asia, is one of the few consultants whose files have been retained. His subject files focus on education and cooperation between the United States and Japan, including basic dockets on the Foundation's Japan program (1963-1966) and support for English as a Second Language (1966).

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged into 3 series.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

Processing Information note

The collection was created by combining the inactive records of several International Division staff members. The records, spanning from 1953 to 1970, had been in offsite storage.

The original volume of five cubic feet accessioned by the Ford Foundation Archives in 2004 was reduced during processing to 2.4 cubic feet. Duplicates, reference files, grant proposals, and files that addressed purely financial matters were not retained.

Conditions Governing Access

Records more than 10 years old are open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials note

Appendix A: Reports – Unpublished reports written by Ford Foundation staff and consultants were removed from their original folders, scanned and transferred to the Archives' collection of staff and consultant reports. See Appendix A for a list of these reports and their specific assigned number. The reports are listed in alphabetical order by author. The assigned number may be used to access reports in the online catalog.

Related Archival Materials note

FA548 Ford Foundation records, International Affairs Division, Program Staff Files, 1956-1990. This collection documents various periods of the Foundation's overseas programs between 1956 and 1990. It includes additional office files of Melvin Fox.

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Collection Inventory

Field Office Files, 1957-1970

Scope and Contents

This series consists of correspondence, memoranda and reports from the Foundation's overseas field offices in Latin America and the Caribbean and South and Southeast Asia. The Foundation's operations in India are particularly well documented.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Census -- 1970 Round of National Censuses -- Memoranda, Background, 1968 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| English as a Second Language (ESL) Final Report, Feb 1964 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Ford Foundation -- Grants in Overseas Agriculture -- Report, Memoranda, 1967 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Ford Foundation -- Policy Issues -- Reports on Ford Foundation Activities, 1967-1968 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Ford Foundation -- "Responsibility for International Activities" Memorandum, Jan 29, 1957 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Fox, Melvin -- Ford Foundation Foreign or Second Language Activities, 1951-1966, May 1967 | box 1 | folder 6 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Bell, Wilhelm -- Trip Schedule and Background, Feb 1967 | box 1 | folder 7 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Caribbean Program -- Self Study, Sep 1966 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Cost of Living Tables, 1966-1968 | box 1 | folder 9 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Ford Foundation Mission to Mexico Report, Nov-Dec 1964 | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Housing Allowances -- Memoranda, 1966-1967 | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) -- Travel and Study Manual, [1969] | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Manitzas, Nita -- Proposed Grant Information, Paper on Fellowships, Budget Request Information, 1968 | box 2 | folder 3 |
| South and Southeast Asia (SSEA) -- Bangkok Office -- Correspondence, 1967 | box 2 | folder 4 |
| SSEA -- Educational Consultants for the Southeast Asia Program -- Memoranda, FAP, 1968 | box 2 | folder 5 |
| SSEA -- Harvard-Pakistan Planning Commission Study Committee Reports, Mar 1962 | box 2 | folder 6 |
| SSEA -- India -- Economic Aid and Development -- Reports, 1964 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| SSEA -- India -- Education -- Memoranda Re: Resource Base, Background, 1967-1968 | box 2 | folder 8 |
| SSEA -- India -- Education Commission -- Members List and Bios, Correspondence, 1964-1966 | box 2 | folder 9 |

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| SSEA -- India -- Ford Foundation Assistance -- John Bresnan Statement Before International Technical Cooperation and Assistance Panel, President's Science Advisory Council, Sep 23, 1966 | box 2 | folder 10 |
| SSEA -- India -- Foreign Training Programming -- Memoranda Re: Potential Funding of PhD Study-Related Travel Costs, May 12, 1965-Feb 15, 1966 | box 2 | folder 11 |
| SSEA -- India -- History of Foundation Activities Report (separated), Feb 1966 | box 2 | folder 12 |
| SSEA -- India -- Inter-Uterine Devices -- Correspondence Re: Delivery and Distribution, 1965-1966 | box 2 | folder 13 |
| SSEA -- India -- Travel and Study Awards -- List, Memoranda Re: Commitments, 1965-1967 | box 2 | folder 14 |
| SSEA -- Indonesia -- English Language Programs -- Report, Correspondence, 1968-1969 | box 2 | folder 15 |
| SSEA -- Indonesia -- Reference File -- Correspondence Re: Coup and Aftermath, 1965-1966 | box 2 | folder 16 |
| SSEA -- Indonesia -- <i>Ramparts</i> Magazine Article Re: Berkeley Mafia and Indonesia Massacre and Ford Foundation Response, 1969-1970 | box 2 | folder 17 |
| SSEA -- Karachi Office -- Correspondence, 1965 | box 2 | folder 18 |
| SSEA -- Karachi Office -- Correspondence Re: Litigation, etc., 1967 | box 2 | folder 19 |
| SSEA -- Kuala Lumpur Office -- Correspondence, 1965 | box 2 | folder 20 |
| SSEA -- Kuala Lumpur Office -- Correspondence, 1967 | box 2 | folder 21 |
| SSEA -- Manila Office -- Correspondence Re: Bangkok Visit, Clipping, etc., 1967 | box 2 | folder 22 |

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Melvin Fox Subject Files, 1953-1967

Scope and Contents

These files document the Language Development Study project of the International Training and Research Program. The files contain a copy of the ITR report by Cleon Swayzee, with related memoranda and comment letters.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

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| International Training and Research (ITR) Program -- Swayzee, Cleon O. -- Comment Letters, Internal Memoranda (1 of 2), 1953-1967 | box 3 | folder 1 |
| International Training and Research (ITR) Program -- Swayzee, Cleon O. -- Report (2 of 2), 1967 | box 3 | folder 2 |
| Language Development -- Background Papers (1 of 2), [1967] | box 3 | folder 3 |
| Language Development -- Background Papers (2 of 2), [1967] | box 3 | folder 4 |
| Language Development -- Correspondence Re: Language Study, etc., 1966-1967 | box 3 | folder 5 |
| Language Development -- Foreign or Second Language Activities Report, Conference Papers, 1967-1968 | box 3 | folder 6 |

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Herbert Passin Subject Files, 1957-1966

Scope and Contents

Mr. Passin's subject files primarily pertain to his work as a consultant and expert on Japan. Other files document the Foundation's grant-making activities in China, Korea or Tibet.

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Arranged alphabetically.

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| American Assembly -- U.S.-Japan -- Notes, Correspondence Re: Wada Zentaro, Aug-Sep 1966 | box 4 | folder 1 |
| Asian Conservation Laboratory, Inc. -- Fellowship Application, Reports, Background, 1960-1963 | box 4 | folder 2 |
| Bereday Teachers College -- Japanese School -- Reports, Reference (Japanese), 1964 | box 4 | folder 3 |
| Chuo University -- Correspondence Re: Grant Request, Background, Jun 25-Jul 16, 1963 | box 4 | folder 4 |
| Ekvali, Robert B. -- Tibet -- Correspondence, 1963-1964 | box 4 | folder 5 |
| English as a Second Language -- Meeting Notes, Transcript, Background, Mar 30, 1966 | box 4 | folder 6 |
| Glueck, Sheldon -- Correspondence, Background, 1963 | box 4 | folder 7 |
| History of the Ford Foundation's International Affairs Program, Dec 3, 1965 | box 4 | folder 8 |
| Hong Kong -- Chinese University -- Memorandum Re: Ford Foundation Support, Mar 18-19, 1965 | box 4 | folder 9 |

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| Hong Kong -- Grey, Robert -- Correspondence with Colonial Secretary G.T. Rowe, Jan 1964 | box 4 | folder 10 |
| Institute of International Relations -- Japan-Inoki -- Correspondence Re: Proposal, 1964-1965 | box 4 | folder 11 |
| International House Meeting -- Japan -- Memoranda Re: Ford Foundation Support, Wealth of Japan, Oct 30, 1964-Oct 12, 1965 | box 5 | folder 1 |
| Japan Center for International Understanding -- Kosaka -- Memorandum, Oct 1, 1965 | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Japan Parliamentary Exchange -- Memorandum, Correspondence, Background, 1965 | box 5 | folder 3 |
| Japan Program -- Basic Dockets, Memoranda, 1963-1966 | box 5 | folder 4 |
| Japan Program -- Memoranda -- Re: Japan Trip, Philippines and Korea, Illustrative Projects (1 of 2), 1962-1963 | box 5 | folder 5 |
| Japan Program -- Memoranda -- Re: IA activities, Japan projects, etc. (2 of 2), 1964-1966 | box 5 | folder 6 |
| Japan Socialist Party -- Correspondence Re: Study, May 13-Jun 7, 1963 | box 5 | folder 7 |
| Japan Society -- Japanese-American File -- Arts Program, Jun 17-18, 1965 | box 5 | folder 8 |
| Japan Trip -- Itinerary, Priorities, Memorandum Re: Ford Foundation in Korea, 1966 | box 5 | folder 9 |
| Kiyosato Educational Experiment -- Rusch, Paul -- Correspondence Re: Farm School, 1965 | box 5 | folder 10 |
| Korea -- Memoranda, Notes, Background on Assistance to Taiwan and Korea, 1965-1966 | box 5 | folder 11 |
| Kosaka -- Japan Council for International Understanding (JCIU) -- Correspondence Re: Trip, Organization, 1965 | box 5 | folder 12 |
| Labor Movement in Japan -- Karsh, Bernard -- Memoranda, Background, 1965 | box 5 | folder 13 |
| Mancall of Harvard Translation Project Re: Japanese and American Scholarship on Communist China, 1963 | box 5 | folder 14 |
| McCray, Porter -- John D. Rockefeller 3rd Fund -- Correspondence Re: Arts in Japan, 1963-1964 | box 5 | folder 15 |
| NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) Educational Television -- Correspondence Re: American Educational TV Exchange with Japan, Mar-Sep 1963 | box 5 | folder 16 |
| Passin, Herbert -- Japan Trip Notes, Dec 1963-Jan 1964 | box 5 | folder 17 |
| Reischauer, Edwin (Ambassador) -- Correspondence Re: China, Jan-Apr 1963 | box 5 | folder 18 |
| Rose, Elizabeth -- Correspondence Re: Proposed United Nations University in Asia, 1964 | box 5 | folder 19 |

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| Russian Studies in Japan -- Robert Byrnes Report (separated), 1960-1964 | box 5 | folder 20 |
| Rutgers University -- Correspondence Re: International Conference on Japanese-American Cultural Relations, 1962-1963 | box 5 | folder 21 |
| Seki, Yoshihiko -- Study Abroad Candidates, Aug 27, 1962-Nov 4, 1963 | box 6 | folder 1 |
| Slater, Joseph E. -- Notes on Hong Kong Discussions on Proposed Chinese Federal University, etc., Nov 1-6, 1962 | box 6 | folder 2 |
| Slater, Joseph E. -- Notes on Japan, Oct 25, 1962 | box 6 | folder 3 |
| St. Paul 's University -- Rikkyo -- Correspondence Re: Research on Postwar Japanese Economy, 1962-1965 | box 6 | folder 4 |
| Stone-Passin Japan Trip -- Itinerary, Memoranda on Ford Foundation in Japan, Background, Mar 1962 | box 6 | folder 5 |
| Stone, Shepard -- Travel and Study Awards, Items for Discussion, etc., 1957-1963 | box 6 | folder 6 |
| Tamagawa Gakuen University -- Correspondence, Background, Dec 26, 1962-Jan 10, 1963 | box 6 | folder 7 |
| Tobata Proposal Re: Japanese Modern Agriculture -- Memorandum Re: Applicability to Asia and Joint IA-ITR Funding, Oct 7, 1963 | box 6 | folder 8 |
| Travel and Study Awards -- Eisenstadt, Samuel -- Correspondence, 1964-1965 | box 6 | folder 9 |
| Travel and Study Awards -- General Lists, 1963-1965 | box 6 | folder 10 |
| Travel and Study Awards -- Procedures, Dec 1, 1964-Feb 12, 1965 | box 6 | folder 11 |
| TV Exchange -- Louis G. Cowan Summary and Recommendations Re: American Educational TV Exchange with Japan, Feb 5, 1964 | box 6 | folder 12 |
| Von Briessen, Fritz -- Correspondence, Mar-Apr 1963 | box 6 | folder 13 |
| Washington, University of -- Modern China Project Proposal, 1961-1963 | box 6 | folder 14 |
| Yomiuri -- World Conference on Peace, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan -- Correspondence, Background, 1963-1964 | box 6 | folder 15 |

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