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Biographical / Historical

Julius A. Stratton (1901-1994) was an educator, academic administrator and foundation leader who served as Trustee of the Ford Foundation from 1955-1966, and as Chairman of the Board from 1966-1971. Stratton was President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from 1959-1966, and also served that institution at various times as Provost, Vice President and Chancellor. Stratton held bachelor's and master's degrees from MIT (1932, 1925), and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science in Mathematical Physics from the Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule of Zurich, Switzerland (1927). Stratton joined the MIT faculty in 1928, and taught in the electrical engineering and physics departments for twenty years. During World War II, Stratton served as Expert Consultant in the Office of the Secretary of War, and was awarded a Medal for Merit in 1946. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and the Council on Foreign Relations. Stratton retired from the Ford Foundation Board of Trustees in 1972.

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Scope and Contents

The Office Files of Julius A. Stratton document Ford Foundation programs, administration and trustee concerns during the early years of McGeorge Bundy's Presidency. The files contain correspondence with grant seekers, grantees and Foundation staff, reports by consultants and grantees, staff memoranda, publications and news clippings. The collection measures 4 linear feet and is contained in 4 record cartons. The records document a wide range of Ford Foundation grant programs with an emphasis on fields of particular interest to Stratton, including education, science and environmental affairs.

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Arrangement

The Office Files of Julius A. Stratton are arranged in a single alphabetical series.

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