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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 aspiration#al 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

Primarily contains program reviews and program history materials.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 4 series: 1. Field Offices and Regional Meeting. 2. Program Reviews. 3. Program History and Background. 4. Cuba.

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Developing Country Programs -- Latin America and the Caribbean Program Review FY 1988, 1987	box 2
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Developing Country Programs -- Mexico and Central America FY 1989, 1988	box 2
Developing Country Programs -- Brazil FY 1989, 1988	box 2
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Caribbean-Latin America Biennial Budget FY 1990-1991, Apr 1989	box 2
Mexico City -- FY 1990-1991 Biennial Budget Program Review, Apr 1989	box 2
Rio de Janiero -- FY 1990-1991 Biennial Budget Program Review, Apr 1989	box 2
Haiti Democratic Needs Assessment, May 1989	box 2
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