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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation maintained an office presence in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 1974 to 1977. The Foundation established the office in 1974 when it transferred Wesley Edwards, assistant to the Foundation's Representative to Beirut, Lebanon and part-time consultant to Saudi Arabia, to the country on a full-time basis. Wesley was appointed as an advisor to the Saudia Arabian Ministry of Education and was also made the Foundation's Representative to Saudi Arabia. Foundation activities in Saudi Arabia largely focused on education during this period (Middle East Program Plans, March 16, 1976, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 6262-9286 (FA739C), Report 009210).

However, the Ford Foundation's activities in Saudi Arabia extend back to 1963 when it signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Government to work with Saudi Arabia "in a mutual effort aimed toward the economic and social development of the Kingdom." This began the Foundation's assistance to the Saudi Arabian Administrative Reform Program. The Foundation contracted the Institute for International Education (IIE) to employ advisors for the program. Advisors were paid with Saudi Arabian funds but worked under the direction of the Ford Foundation (A Review of Administrative Reform in Saudi Arabia, 1972, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 3255-6261 (FA739B), Report 005557) The Administrative Reform Program ended in 1973.

In 1976, Wesley Edwards left his post and the Ford Foundation gave up its formal office space. It maintained a small apartment office where it housed it's files until 1977 when it complied with an order from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior to close its office and leave the country (Saudi Arabia memo

draft from Robert Edwards to McGeorge Bundy, March 7, 1977, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 9287-11774 (FA739D), Report 011051).

Scope and Contents

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