



Ford Foundation records, United States International Affairs Program (USIAP), Rural Poverty and Resources, Office Files of Norman R. Collins

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Summary Information

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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

Contains subject files and correspondence.

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Arrangement

Arranged in two series by file type.

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Administrative Information

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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

Level 1 Minimal Processing has been conducted to establish basic intellectual and physical control of the material and assess immediate preservation and conservation needs. Material remains as received, in original folders and storage boxes.

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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Subject Files	
Title/Description	Instances
Poland, 1989-1990	box 1
Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture, 1989-1990	box 1
IMMI External Review, 1988-1989	box 1
Individual Grants, 1976-1989	box 1
Designated Authority Grants -- FY 1990-1991, 1990	box 1
New Staff Orientation Program, Mar 11, 1987	box 1
AAEA Foundation, 1983-1986	box 1
Management Information Systems Steering Committee, 1989-1990	box 1
International Association of Agricultural Economists, 1982-1990	box 1
Fund for the International Conference on Agricultural Economists, 1983-1989	box 1

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Correspondence Files, 1988-1992	
Title/Description	Instances
Rural Poverty and Resources Circulating Chronological Correspondence File, Oct 1991-Mar 1992	box 1
NRC Chron File, Jan 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Feb 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Mar 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, April 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, May-Jun 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Jul-Aug 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Sep 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Oct 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Nov 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Dec 1988	box 1
NRC Chron File, Jan 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Feb 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Mar 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Apr 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, May 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Jun 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Jul 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Aug 1989	box 1
NRC Chron File, Sep 1989	box 1
NRC Chron Files, Oct 1989	box 2
NRC Chron Files, Nov 1989	box 2
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