



Ford Foundation records, South Africa UPDATE Series Files

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	Ford Foundation
Title:	Ford Foundation records, South Africa UPDATE Series Files
ID:	FA1548
Date [inclusive]:	1986-1992
Physical Description:	2.66 Cubic Feet 7 Hollinger boxes
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas. During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation launched the South Africa UPDATE Series project in the late 1980s in order to update the South Africa: Time Running Out report (SATRO). The Study Commission on U.S. Policy Towards Southern Africa published the SATRO report in 1981. The Commission was funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and chaired by Ford Foundation President Franklin Thomas.

The UPDATE Series Editorial Board sought to update the SATRO report with a series of monographs that discussed recent political developments in South Africa. The Editorial Board emerged in part from the Ford Foundation's Southern Africa Study Group. Foundation staff members Franklin Thomas, Lynn Walker, and Gary Sick sat on the Board. John de St. Jorre served as Editor, Elinor Bowles served as Associate Editor, and Milfred Fierce served as Consulting Editor.

Monographs in the series concern topics like international relations between South Africa and the United States, politics in the region of Southern Africa, political activism of black South Africans, reforms made to the Apartheid system, and the state of civil rights in South Africa.

The five South Africa UPDATE monographs are titled:

The United States and South Africa: The Reagan Years

All, Here, and Now: Black Politics in South Africa in the 1980s

Adapt or Die: The End of White Politics in South Africa

Changing Fortunes: War, Diplomacy, and Economics in Southern Africa

The Last Years of Apartheid: Civil Liberties in South Africa

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Scope and Contents

Collection contains files pertaining to the preparation, production, and promotion of the South Africa UPDATE Series. The Ford Foundation initiated the UPDATE Series project in order to update the South Africa: Time Running Out report (SATRO) that was published in 1981 by the Study Commission on U.S. Policy Towards Southern Africa. The series consists of five monographs. Each book focuses on a particular theme regarding political developments in South Africa during the 1980s. Subjects covered in the series include international relations between South Africa and the United States, politics in the region of Southern Africa, political activism of black South Africans, reforms made to the Apartheid system, and the state of civil rights in South Africa.

The bulk of the collection is contained within the chronological files in the first series. These files consist of correspondence, memos, drafts, invoices, purchase orders, expense reports, budget information, petty cash vouchers, agreements, and consultant requests. They document the work of the UPDATE Series Editor John de St. Jorre, Associate Editor Elinor Bowles, and Editorial Board in reaching out to prospective authors and readers of monographs, revising manuscripts, preparing the books' design, publishing and disseminating the books, and promoting the series.

The last two series in the collection are chiefly comprised of the UPDATE Series editors' correspondence with monograph authors, research assistants, and monograph testimonial writers. Copies of monograph testimonials are also included in the third series.

Material in the collection originated from a select group of boxes that contained Ford Foundation program strategy records. The documents' original storage containers and content indicated that they all concerned the South Africa UPDATE Series, and the records were therefore processed as a discrete collection.

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Arrangement

Collection is comprised of three series. Files in Series 1 were arranged in order to restore the intended chronological organization.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series 1. Chronological files, 1986-1991

Series 2. Authors and research assistants' correspondence, 1990-1992

Series 3. Testimonials, 1989-1992

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

This material was transferred to the RAC in 2019 and was ingested by the RAC as part of Accession 2019:046 Ford Foundation records, Program Strategy records.

Accessions continue as necessary.

Processing Information

Materials originated from a set of Ford Foundation program strategy records transferred to the RAC. Sequential box numbers on the original containers and analysis of the containers' contents suggested that the documents all related to the South Africa UPDATE Series. It was therefore decided to process the records as a discrete collection.

Processing Level 3: Standard Processing

Processed by Darren Young, September 2019

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Related Materials

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The five South Africa UPDATE Series monographs are available as part of the RAC's Library holdings

[The United States and South Africa: The Reagan Years](#)

[All, Here, and Now: Black Politics in South Africa in the 1980s](#)

[Adapt or Die: The End of White Politics in South Africa](#)

[Changing Fortunes: War, Diplomacy, and Economics in Southern Africa](#)

[The Last Years of Apartheid: Civil Liberties in South Africa](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Africa, Southern
- Apartheid
- Civil rights -- South Africa
- South Africa
- South Africa -- Foreign relations -- United States

Collection Inventory

Chronological files, 1986-1991

Physical Description: 2.38 Cubic Feet About 6.25 LTR size Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

Series contains the chronological files that document the preparation, production, and promotion of the South Africa UPDATE Series. Correspondence, memos, drafts, invoices, purchases orders, expense reports, budget information, petty cash vouchers, agreements, and consultant requests document the work of the UPDATE Series Editor John de St Jorre, Associate Editor Elinor Bowles, and Editorial Board in hiring prospective monograph authors and readers, revising manuscripts, preparing the books' design, contracting organizations to co-publish and disseminate

the books, and promoting the series. The editors and Editorial Board sought to promote the series through regional meetings, professional meetings, complimentary copies of monographs, monograph authors' appearances, and advertisements in publications. Meetings of the Editorial Board are also documented within the series.

Title/Description	Instances	
Chronological file, 1986-1988	box 1	folder 1-2
Chronological file, 1987 March-June	box 1	folder 3
Chronological file, 1987 July-September	box 1	folder 4
Chronological file, 1987 July-December	box 1	folder 5
Chronological file, 1988 January-March	box 1	folder 6
Chronological file, 1988 April-June	box 1	folder 7
Chronological file, 1988 July-September	box 2	folder 8-9
Chronological file, 1988 October-December	box 2	folder 10
Chronological file, 1989 January-March	box 2	folder 11
Chronological file, 1989 April	box 2	folder 12
Chronological file, 1989 May-June	box 2	folder 13
Chronological file, 1989 July-September	box 3	folder 14-15
Chronological file, 1989 October-November	box 3	folder 16-17
Chronological file, 1989 December	box 3	folder 18
Chronological file, 1989-1990	box 3	folder 19-20
Chronological file, 1990 February-April	box 4	folder 21-22
Chronological file, 1990 March-April	box 4	folder 23
Chronological file, 1990 April-May	box 4	folder 24
Chronological file, 1990 June	box 4	folder 25
Chronological file, 1990 July	box 4	folder 26
Chronological file, 1990 August	box 4	folder 27
Chronological file, 1990 September	box 4	folder 28
Chronological file, 1990 September-October	box 5	folder 29
Chronological file, 1990 November	box 5	folder 30
Chronological file, 1990 November-December	box 5	folder 31
Chronological file, 1990-1991	box 5	folder 32
Chronological file, 1991 February	box 5	folder 33
Chronological file, 1991 March	box 5	folder 34
Chronological file, 1991 April	box 5	folder 35

Chronological file, 1991 May	box 5	folder 36
Chronological file, 1991 June	box 6	folder 37
Chronological file, 1991 July	box 6	folder 38
Chronological file, 1991 August	box 6	folder 39
Chronological file, 1991 July-September	box 6	folder 40
Chronological file, 1991 October	box 6	folder 41-42
Chronological file, 1991 October-December	box 6	folder 43-44
Chronological file, 1991 November-December	box 7	folder 45

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Authors and research assistants' correspondence, 1990-1992

Physical Description: .19 Cubic Feet About .5 LTR size Hollinger box

Scope and Contents

Series contains correspondence between the South Africa UPDATE Series editors, Elinor Bowles and John de St. Jorre, and the series' different authors and research assistants. Correspondence generally regards the preparation and revisions of manuscripts, preparation of other components of the books such as footnotes and bibliographies, the distribution of authors' copies of published books, payments to authors, and promotion of the books.

Title/Description	Instances	
Baker, Pauline, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 46
Cheadle, Halton, 1991	box 7	folder 47
Clough, Michael, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 48
Dugard, John, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 49
Haysom, Nicholas, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 50
Jaster, Robert, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 51
Levin, Lydia, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 52
Lodge, Tom, 1991	box 7	folder 53
Marcus, Gilbert, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 54
Martin, Anthony, 1991	box 7	folder 55
Mbeki, Moeletsi, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 56
Nasson, Bill, 1990-1991	box 7	folder 57
Nkosi, Morley, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 58
Schrire, Robert, 1990-1992	box 7	folder 59
Shubane, Khehla, 1991 March 6	box 7	folder 60

Sithole, Nokwanda, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 61
Wilson, Lindy, 1991	box 7	folder 62

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Testimonials, 1989-1992

Physical Description: .095 Cubic Feet About .25 LTR size Hollinger box

Scope and Contents

Series contains correspondence between the South Africa UPDATE Series editors, Elinor Bowles and John de St. Jorre, and authors of the testimonials for the different books in the series as well as copies of the published testimonials. Correspondence documents the editors reaching out to the writers to see if they would be interested in writing a testimonial as well as the editors thanking the writers for their services.

Title/Description	Instances	
Testimonial writers - All, Here, and Now: Black Politics in South Africa in the 1980s, 1991	box 7	folder 63
Testimonial - All, Here, and Now: Black Politics in South Africa in the 1980s, undated	box 7	folder 64
Testimonial writers - The United States and South Africa: The Reagan Years, 1989 July 10	box 7	folder 65
Testimonial - The United States and South Africa: The Reagan Years, undated	box 7	folder 66
Testimonial writers - Adapt or Die: The End of White Politics in South Africa, 1991	box 7	folder 67
Testimonial - Adapt or Die: The End of White Politics in South Africa, 1991	box 7	folder 68
Testimonial writers - Changing Fortunes: War, Diplomacy, and Economics in Southern Africa, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 69
Testimonial - Changing Fortunes: War, Diplomacy, and Economics in Southern Africa, 1991	box 7	folder 70
Testimonial writers - The Last Years of Apartheid: Civil Liberties in South Africa, 1991-1992	box 7	folder 71
Testimonial - The Last Years of Apartheid: Civil Liberties in South Africa, undated	box 7	folder 72
Miscellaneous newspaper clipping, 1991 September 21	box 7	folder 73

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