



Ford Foundation records, Program Strategy records

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Summary Information

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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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Scope and Contents

The collection contains Office of Communications officers' files, supervising secretaries' meeting notes and memoranda, memoranda from the Ford Foundation president to the trustees, files related to the Foundation's office automation process, and reports to the trustees, primarily from the 1990s. "Program Strategy" is a Ford Foundation term for material that pertains to materials that move the Foundation forward and guide decision-making practices.

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Arrangement

Arranged as received from the Ford Foundation in 2017 and 2018.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Ford Foundation in 2017 and 2018 and ingested by RAC as Accessions 2017:080 and 2018:087.

Processing Information

Processed by Katie Martin, December 2017; Updated October 2018

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Communications
- Office management

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Chile Office Booklet/Brochure, 1992 August-September	box 1	folder 1
Statement of Franklin A. Thomas before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 1992 September 17	box 1	folder 2
Franklin Thomas Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 1992 September 17	box 6	Tape AV 11651

Related Materials:

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Transcription available in original folder location.

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Access copy available.

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Ford Foundation President Franklin Thomas testifies before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on the subject of Federal Government support for urban aid. Also testifying are executives from other philanthropic organizations like the Rockefeller Foundation

and the Mott Foundation. Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan chairs the Senate Committee. Thomas' statement begins around the 1:32:55 time mark. He discusses a framework for including the experiences and opinions of the people living in cities to address the problems many American urban areas face.

Testimony was delivered on September 17, 1992, and the recording aired on C-SPAN 2 on September 20, 1992 at 1:25 p.m.

The recording of the hearing ends around the 2:35:00 time mark.

WPF 5.0 The Ford Foundation, undated	box 1	folder 2
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Press Release: Joan R. Dassin Named Director of Latin American and Caribbean Programs, 1992 September 28	box 1	folder 3
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Julio C. Nunez - Office of Communications - Faxes and Correspondence, 1992 January-August	box 1	folder 4
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Julio C. Nunez - Misc. Memos, 1992 April-June	box 1	folder 6
Current Business - Franklin Thomas - International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Meeting, Berlin, undated	box 1	folder 7
Current Business - Franklin Thomas' Rio Speech, 1992 June	box 1	folder 8
Rio Speech 7536T, 1992 June 22	box 1	folder 8
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Current Business - Press Release Draft - Joan R. Dassin, 1992 June	box 1	folder 9
Current Business - First Report on Staff Responses to the Los Angeles Disturbances, 1992 June 23	box 1	folder 10
Current Business - Incoming Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1992 April-July	box 1	folder 11

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Memos and correspondence regarding the 1992 Innovations Program, press release materials, Tina Rosenberg's Sao Paulo visit, US Mexico Journalist Exchange, Working Paper from The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, job opportunities, summer interns, etc.

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One facsimile cover page addressed to Kristin Goss, Chronicle of Philanthropy from Lloyd Garrison, Office of Communications

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The Ford Foundation, International Division, Summary Tables FY 1977 and Earlier Years, 1978 March 16	box 6	folder 51

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