



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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Physical Description:	1.7 Cubic Feet 1 standard box and 1 document box
Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical / Historical

Beginning in the 1950s, the Ford Foundation has provided funds to improve the management of land and water, to strengthen policy making for the rural sector and to generate off-farm employment and income, especially for women. In addition, the Foundation supports efforts to increase the productivity of agriculture and to strengthen rural development organizations.

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Biographical / Historical

Norman Collins (1928-2019) established a career in agricultural research that centered on food security and poverty reduction. Collins worked for 30 years at the Ford Foundation. In 1969, he joined the Foundation as a Program Advisor in the Latin America and the Caribbean, Chile Program. He then worked in the larger Latin America and the Caribbean Program for several years before moving to the Asia and the Pacific, India Program. From the late 1980s to the early 1990s, he led the Foundation's Rural Poverty and Resources Program as Program Officer in Charge and then Director. After that position, he became the Foundation's Representative to Mexico and Central America. Collins' last

assignment at the Foundation was as Director of the Special Project on Program Information Technology in the Office of Organizational Services. Collins retired from the Foundation in 2000.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Collins was a professor of agricultural economics and business administration at the University of California at Berkeley. A collaborative program between UC and Chile enabled him to work for several years as a visiting professor at the University of Chile.

Collins earned a B.A. from Kansas State University and a master's and doctorate in economics from Harvard University. During the Korean War, he served in the United States Air Force. Collins died in 2019.

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Scope and Contents

Contains subject files and correspondence.

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Arrangement

Arranged in two series by file type.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series I. Subject Files, 1976-1990

Series II. Correspondence Files, 1988-1992

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

Open for research. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Collection Inventory

Subject Files, 1976-1990

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, 1987 March 11	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, 1991 October-1992 March	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 January	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 February	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 March	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 April	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 May-June	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 July-August	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 September	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 October	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 November	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1988 December	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 January	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 February	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 March	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 April	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 May	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 June	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 July	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 August	box 1
NRC Chron File, 1989 September	box 1
NRC Chron Files, 1989 October	box 2
NRC Chron Files, 1989 November	box 2
NRC Chron Files, 1989 December	box 2
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