



Ford Foundation records, Education and Public Policy Program (EPP), Office of the Vice President, Office Files of Harold Howe II

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Harold "Doc" Howe II (1918-2002) was an educator who served as the United States Commissioner of Education between 1965 and 1968. Howe also worked for more than ten years at the Ford Foundation. After working as a Program Advisor in the Foundation's Asia and the Pacific, India and Nepal Program, he became Vice President for the Division of Education and Research. He continued directing the Foundation's education programming when it was reorganized into the Division of Education and Public Policy.

Howe started his career in education after serving in the United States Navy in World War II where he was a minesweeper. He had history teaching positions in New York and Massachusetts and then school principal positions in Ohio and Massachusetts. He later served as superintendent in Scarsdale, New York from 1960 to 1964. In 1965, he became U.S. Commissioner of Education during the Johnson Administration. During his time in that position, he was responsible for carrying out the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the most extensive federal legislation focused on education, by distributing federal funding to public schools. His duties also concerned upholding provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by providing federal funding to school districts that proved they did not discriminate based on race.

Howe earned a B.A. from Yale University and a master's degree in history from Columbia University. After leaving the Ford Foundation, he worked as a senior lecturer at the Harvard University Graduate

School of Education from 1982 to 1994. A student fellowship and chair at Harvard GSE are named after him. Howe died in 2002.

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Scope and Contents

Documents the work of Harold Howe II and his broad range of administrative, policy, task force, committee and administrative activities including his contributions to the Foundation beyond the EPP.

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Chronological Correspondence, 1971-1981

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Harold Howe II Chrons O-Z (3/3), 1971	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1972	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1973	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1974	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1975	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1976	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1977	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1978	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons, 1979	box 1
Harold Howe II Chrons A-O (1/2), 1980	box 1
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EPP Program Review (4/6), 1981	box 2
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Harold Howe II Speeches and Writings -- 30-42, 1976-1977	box 2
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