Ford Foundation records, Oral History Project

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	Ford Foundation
Title:	Ford Foundation records, Oral History Project
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Date [inclusive]:	1965-2006
Physical Description:	14.8 Cubic Feet Extent is approximate.
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical / Historical

In 1970 the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation approved a project to record oral history interviews with past and present trustees, officers and staff members. The project was designed to gather material for future historical analysis of the organization of the Foundation and the evolution of its program. On June 10, 1971, Foundation President McGeorge Bundy approved President's Authority Project #07190398 for $232,800 to finance the work. Charles T. Morrissey, Director of the Vermont Historical Society and President of the Oral History Association, was named Project Director. Ronald J. Grele, who had worked on the John F. Kennedy Library oral history project, was named Assistant Director. From 1971-1974 over 70 persons were interviewed by Morrissey and Grele. The audio recordings were transcribed and indexed during 1973-1974, with additional funding provided by a supplement to the original grant.

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Scope and Contents

Oral History Project records include administrative correspondence and memoranda, background materials and interview notes compiled by project staff, audio recordings and transcripts of interviews and a name/subject index. Documentation concerning the origins and administration of the project dates from 1965-2006. Subjects discussed in the interviews themselves include the role of the Ford family in establishing the Foundation, the preparation of the Report of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program, program development and operations, staffing, administration and the involvement of Trustees in Foundation affairs.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series and subseries:

I. Administrative Files; II. Audio Recordings; III. Index; IV. Transcripts

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

Arranged and described by Jim Moske, Ford Foundation archives, November 2006.

Conditions Governing Use

Completion of a use agreement is required prior to providing scholarly access. See RAC Head of Reference (or applicable designee) for details.

Conditions Governing Use

Researchers are required to use interview transcripts. No transcript may be photocopied or duplicated in its entirety.

Material contained in the Administrative Files (Series I) may not be quoted or cited.

Copyright to all interviews is held by the Ford Foundation. Permission to quote from certain oral histories is limited by agreement with the interviewee.

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.

Conditions Governing Access

Audio recordings (Series II) are restricted from scholary research.

Access to some interviews is limited or restricted based on observance of the stipulations established by interviewees in their respective oral history agreements. Interviews are open to scholarly research as applicable restrictions expire. Consult Archivist for further information.

Index is closed to scholarly research.

Related Materials

Related Materials

A substantial oral history of former Ford Foundation India Representative Douglas Ensminger was recorded during 1971-1973, but was not formally a part of the project covered by these records. The Ensminger oral history and related materials are also held by the Ford Foundation Archives and are available separately.

Former Foundation Vice President F. Champion Ward composed a memoir of his experiences as a consultant and officer of the Foundation in 1985, in lieu of an oral history interview. The Ward memoir is held by the Archives and is available as Report #012126.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Oral histories
- Oral history
- Ford Foundation

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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Collection Inventory

Administrative Files, 1965-2005

Physical Description: 2.4 Cubic Feet 2 record storage cartons.

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Title/Description	Instances	
Access policies and procedures, 1973-2005	box 1	folder 1

Possible additional interviews, 1999-2000	box 1	folder 2

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence between James Armsey, Richard Magat, Alan Divack, Michael Lipsky, and Susan Berresford, discussing the addition of oral history interviews to the Foundation's archive. No additional oral history interviews were made at the time.

Candidates who did not participate and interviewees who withdrew

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Abrams, Frank, 1972	box 1	folder 3
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Benton, William, 1973	box 1	folder 5
Bechtel, Stephen D., 1973	box 3	

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Bundy, McGeorge, 1973-2000	box 1	folder 19
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Plante, Lilian, 1972-1975	box 4	folder 68
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Transcripts

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Master copies

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Wright, Thomas H., Jr.	box 10

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Includes correspondence and memos related to Wright's oral history interview.

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Thompson, Marcia	box 3
Wald, Patricia M.	box 3
Ward, F. Champion	box 3

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A copy of Ward's memoir is filed in the Unpublished Reports, as Report #012126.

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