



# Ford Foundation records, Oral History Project

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Ford Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Ford Foundation records, Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	FA618
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1965-2006
<b>Physical Description:</b>	14.8 Cubic Feet Extent is approximate.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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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

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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

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The collection is arranged in the following series and subseries:

I. Administrative Files; II. Audio Recordings; II.A. Original Cassette Tapes; II.B. Duplicate Cassette Tapes; III. Index; IV. Transcripts

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## Administrative Information

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### 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 scholarly 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.

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## Related Materials

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### 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

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- Oral histories
- Oral history
- Ford Foundation

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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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

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### Administrative Files, 1965-2005

Physical Description: 2.4 Cubic Feet 2 record storage cartons.

Conditions Governing Use:

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

Additional interviews, 1999-2000	box 1	folder 2
Candidates who did not participate and interviewees who withdrew		
Abrams, Frank, 1972	box 1	folder 3
Armsey, James W., 1972-1973	box 1	folder 4
Benton, William, 1973	box 1	folder 5
Bechtel, Stephen D., 1973		
Audio tape memoranda, 1973	box 3	
Cole, Fred	box 1	folder 6
Cowles, John, 1971-1975	box 1	folder 7
Ensminger, Douglas, 1973-1989	box 1	folder 8
Friendly, Fred W., 1973	box 1	folder 9
Hoffman, Paul G., 1972-1974	box 1	folder 10
Sutton, Francis X., 1975	box 1	folder 11
Ward, F. Champion, 1985	box 1	folder 12
Interviewees		
Bell, David E., 1972-1976	box 1	folder 13
Berelson, Bernard, 1972-1979	box 1	folder 14
Bixler, Paul H., 1972-2005	box 1	folder 15
Black, Eugene, 1972-1977	box 1	folder 16
Borgmann, Carl W., 1972-1979	box 1	folder 17
Brown, Dyke, 1976	box 1	folder 18
Bundy, McGeorge, 1973-2000	box 1	folder 19
Coombs, Philip H., 1972-1976	box 1	folder 20
David, Donald K., 1972-1979	box 1	folder 21
Davis, Chester, 1972-1973	box 1	folder 22
Donaldson, William H., 1975-1976	box 1	folder 23
Dressner, Howard R., 1974-1976	box 1	folder 24
Ellis, James R., 1972-1985	box 1	folder 25
Ethridge, Mark F., 1972-1981	box 1	folder 26
Eurich, Alvin C., 1974-1987	box 1	folder 27
Faust, Clarence, 1972-1985	box 1	folder 28
Ferry, W. H., 1972-1975		

	box 1	folder 29
Fletcher, C. Scott, 1972-2005	box 1	folder 30
Ford, Benson, 1972-1978	box 1	folder 31
Ford, Henry II, 1972-1985	box 1	folder 32
Fox, Melvin J., 1972-1975	box 1	folder 33
Gladieux, Bernard L., 1972-1985	box 1	folder 34
Gordon, Kermit, 1972-1977	box 1	folder 35
Gould, Laurence M., 1972-1975	box 1	folder 36
Griffiths, George H., 1972-1974	box 1	folder 37
Gustavson, Reuben G., 1973-1974	box 1	folder 38
Haas, Walter A., 1972-1997	box 1	folder 39
Harkavy, Oscar, 1974	box 1	folder 40
Harrison, Gordon, 1972-1975	box 1	folder 41
Heald, Henry T., 1971-1985	box 1	folder 42
Heard, Alexander, 1975	box 1	folder 43
Henderson, Vivian, 1972-1982	box 1	folder 44
Hertz, Willard J., 1974	box 1	folder 45
Hill, F.F., 1972-1984	box 1	folder 46
Howard, John B., 1972-1974	box 1	folder 47
Hutchins, Robert M., 1972-1974	box 1	folder 48
Katz, Milton, 1972-1979	box 1	folder 49
Kennan, George F., 1972-1973	box 1	folder 50
Land, Edwin H., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 1
Larsen, Roy E., 1971-1979	box 2	folder 2
Laughlin, James, 1972-1979	box 2	folder 3
Loudon, John H., 1974	box 2	folder 4
Lowry, W. McNeil, 1971-1981	box 2	folder 5
McCloy, John J., 1972-1984	box 2	folder 6
McDaniel, Joseph M., 1971-1976	box 2	folder 7
McKeever, Porter, 1972-1975	box 2	folder 8
McNamara, Robert S., 1974	box 2	folder 9
McNeely, Janet, 1974-2006	box 2	folder 10



Magat, Richard, 1974-1975	box 2	folder 11
Marquis, Donald G., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 12
Marshall, Dorothy N., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 13
Miller, J. Irwin, 1974-1984	box 2	folder 14
Morrill, J. L., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 15
Nielson, Waldemar, 1972-1974	box 2	folder 16
Nims, William H., 1971-1974	box 2	folder 17
Plante, Lilian, 1972-1975	box 2	folder 18
Price, Don K., 1971-1974	box 2	folder 19
Saudek, Robert, 1972-1976	box 2	folder 20
Sheldon, Richard C., 1973-1975	box 2	folder 21
Slater, Joseph E., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 22
Spaeth, Carl, 1972-1977	box 2	folder 23
Stone, Shepard, 1972-1984	box 2	folder 24
Stratton, Julius A., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 25
Sviridoff, Mitchell, 1974-1985	box 2	folder 26
Thompson, Marcia, 1973-1976		
Wald, Patricia M., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 28
Webster, Bethuel M., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 29
Wright, Thomas H., 1974	box 2	folder 30
Wyzanski, Charles E., 1968-1984	box 2	folder 31
Ylvisaker, Paul N., 1972-1979	box 2	folder 32
Young, James Webb, 1972-1974	box 2	folder 33
Project origins, 1965-1974	box 2	folder 34
Restriction schedules, 1974-2005	box 2	folder 35

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## Index

Conditions Governing Access:

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The Index was not transferred to RAC, and is therefore unavailable for scholarly research.

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## Transcripts

Physical Description: 8 Cubic Feet

Conditions Governing Access:

### Conditions Governing Access

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 opened to research as applicable restrictions expire. Consult Archivist for further information.

Conditions Governing Use:

### Conditions Governing Use

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

Title/Description	Instances
Access copies	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3.6 Cubic Feet 3 record storage cartons	
Bell, David	box 1
Berelson, Bernard	box 1
Bixler, Paul H.	box 1
Black, Eugene	box 1
Borgmann, Carl W.	box 1
Bundy, McGeorge	box 1
Coombs, Philip H.	box 1
David, Donald K.	box 1
Davis, Chester	box 1
Ellis, James R.	box 1
Ethridge, Mark F.	box 1
Eurich, Alvin C.	box 1
Faust, Clarence	box 1
Ferry, W.H.	box 1
Fletcher, C. Scott	box 1
Ford, Benson	box 1

Ford, Henry II	box 1
Fox, Melvin J.	box 1
Gladieux, Bernard L.	box 1
Gordon, Kermit	box 1
Gould, Laurence M.	box 1
Griffiths, George H.	box 1
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b>  58 pages.	
Gustavson, Reuben G.	box 1
Haas, Walter A.	box 1
Harrison, Gordon	box 1
Heald, Henry T.	box 1
Heard, Alexander	box 1
Henderson, Vivian	box 1
Hertz, Willard	box 2
Hill, F.F.	box 2
Howard, John B.	box 2
Hutchins, Robert M.	box 2
Katz, Milton	box 2
Kennan, George F.	box 2
Land, Edwin H.	box 2
Larsen, Roy E.	box 2
Laughlin, James	box 2
Loudon, John H.	box 2
Lowry, W. McNeil	box 2
McCloy, John J.	box 2
McDaniel, Joseph M.	box 2
McKeever, Porter	box 2
McNamara, Robert S.	box 2
Magat, Richard	box 2
Marquis, Donald G.	box 2

Marshall, Dorothy N.	box 2
Morrill, James L.	box 2
Nielsen, Waldemar	box 2
Nims, William H.	box 2
Plante, Lilian	box 2
Price, Don K.	box 2
Saudek, Robert	box 3
Sheldon, Richard C.	box 3
Slater, Joseph E.	box 3
Spaeth, Carl	box 3
Stone, Shepard	box 3
Stratton, Julius A.	box 3
Sviridoff, Mitchell	box 3
Thompson, Marcia	box 3
Wald, Patricia M.	box 3
Ward, F. Champion	box 3
<u>Existence and Location of Copies:</u> <b>Existence and Location of Copies</b>  A copy of Ward's memoir is filed in the Unpublished Reports, as Report #012126.	
Webster, Bethuel M.	box 3
Wright, Thomas H., Jr.	box 3
Wyzanski, Charles E.	box 3
Ylvisaker, Paul N.	box 3
Young, James Webb	box 3

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