



# 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

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

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.

**Nonparticipants****Scope and Contents**

Includes oral history candidates who did not participate, and interviewees who withdrew from the project.

Title/Description	Instances	
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	box 3 (AV)	
Scope and Contents		
Audio tape memoranda		
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**

Title/Description	Instances	
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, 1972-1977	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 2	folder 23
Dressner, Howard R., 1974-1976	box 2	folder 24
Ellis, James R., 1972-1985	box 2	folder 25
Ethridge, Mark F., 1972-1981	box 2	folder 26
Eurich, Alvin C., 1974-1987	box 2	folder 27
Faust, Clarence, 1972-1985	box 2	folder 28
Ferry, W. H., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 29
Fletcher, C. Scott, 1972-2005	box 2	folder 30
Ford, Benson, 1972-1978	box 2	folder 31
Ford, Henry II, 1972-1985	box 2	folder 32
Fox, Melvin J., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 33
Gladieux, Bernard L., 1972-1985	box 2	folder 34
Gordon, Kermit, 1972-1977	box 2	folder 35
Gould, Laurence M., 1972-1975	box 2	folder 36
Griffiths, George H., 1972-1974	box 2	folder 37
Gustavson, Reuben G., 1973-1974	box 2	folder 38
Haas, Walter A., 1972-1997	box 2	folder 39
Harkavy, Oscar, 1974	box 2	folder 40
Harrison, Gordon, 1972-1975	box 2	folder 41
Heald, Henry T., 1971-1985	box 2	folder 42
Heard, Alexander, 1975	box 3	folder 43
Henderson, Vivian, 1972-1982	box 3	folder 44
Hertz, Willard J., 1974	box 3	folder 45
Hill, F.F., 1972-1984	box 3	folder 46
Howard, John B., 1972-1974	box 3	folder 47
Hutchins, Robert M., 1972-1974	box 3	folder 48
Katz, Milton, 1972-1979	box 3	folder 49
Kennan, George F., 1972-1973	box 3	folder 50



Land, Edwin H., 1972-1974	box 3	folder 51
Larsen, Roy E., 1971-1979	box 3	folder 52
Laughlin, James, 1972-1979	box 3	folder 53
Loudon, John H., 1974	box 3	folder 54
Lowry, W. McNeil, 1971-1981	box 3	folder 55
McCloy, John J., 1972-1984	box 3	folder 56
McDaniel, Joseph M., 1971-1976	box 3	folder 57
McKeever, Porter, 1972-1975	box 3	folder 58
McNamara, Robert S., 1974	box 3	folder 59
McNeely, Janet, 1974-2006	box 3	folder 60
Magat, Richard, 1974-1975	box 3	folder 61
Marquis, Donald G., 1972-1975	box 3	folder 62
Marshall, Dorothy N., 1972-1974	box 3	folder 63
Miller, J. Irwin, 1974-1984	box 3	folder 64
Morrill, James L., 1972-1975	box 3	folder 65
Nielsen, Waldemar, 1972-1974	box 4	folder 66
Nims, William H., 1971-1974	box 4	folder 67
Plante, Lilian, 1972-1975	box 4	folder 68
Price, Don K., 1971-1974	box 4	folder 69
Saudek, Robert, 1972-1976	box 4	folder 70
Sheldon, Richard C., 1973-1975	box 4	folder 71
Slater, Joseph E., 1972-1984	box 4	folder 72
Spaeth, Carl, 1972-1977	box 4	folder 73
Stone, Shepard, 1972-1984	box 4	folder 74
Stratton, Julius A., 1972-1975	box 4	folder 75
Sviridoff, Mitchell, 1974-1985	box 4	folder 76
Thompson, Marcia, 1973-1976	box 4	folder 77
Wald, Patricia M., 1972-1974	box 4	folder 78
Webster, Bethuel M., 1972-1974	box 4	folder 79
Wright, Thomas H., 1974	box 4	folder 80
Wyzanski, Charles E., 1968-1984	box 4	folder 81
Ylvisaker, Paul N., 1972-1979	box 4	folder 82

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Behavioral Science - BY	box 6
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Cox Committee - Ensemble Theater	box 8
Ensminger - Ford Foundation	box 9
Ford Foundation - Ford Foundation officers	box 10
Ford Foundation offices - Foundations	box 11
Four Continents - Gottbaum	box 12
Gould - Hoffman	box 13
Hoffman - India	box 14
India program - Lowrie	box 15
Lowry - Monson	box 16
Morrill - Peace Corps	box 17
Pearson - Rockefeller	box 18
Rockefeller - Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program	box 19
Study for the Ford Foundation... - Ward	box 20
Ward - Z	box 21

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## Transcripts

Physical Description: 9 Cubic Feet 20 standard document boxes.

## Master copies

Physical Description: 4.4 Cubic Feet 10 standard document boxes.

Conditions Governing Access:

### **Conditions Governing Access**

All master copies are restricted from scholarly 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 the Access Copies interview transcripts. No transcript may be photocopied or duplicated in its entirety.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Bell, David, 1972 November 16, December 15	box 22	folder 86
Berelson, Bernard, 1972 July 7	box 22	folder 87
Bixler, Paul H., 1972 November 1	box 22	folder 88
Black, Eugene, 1972 August 1	box 22	folder 89
Borgmann, Carl W., 1973 January 22	box 22	folder 90
Brown, Dyke, 1972-1973	box 22	folder 91
Bundy, McGeorge, 1972 February 11		
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b> Missing / Not housed at RAC.		
Coombs, Philip H., 1973 July 10	box 23	folder 92
David, Donald K., 1972 March 14, 23	box 23	folder 93
Davis, Chester, 1972 April 21	box 23	folder 94
Donaldson, William H.		
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b> Missing / Not housed at RAC.		
Dressner, Howard R.		
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Ellis, James R., 1973 July 20	box 23	folder 95
Ethridge, Mark F., 1972 May 8	box 23	folder 96

Eurich, Alvin C., 1972 November 28	box 23	folder 97
Faust, Clarence, 1972 January 30; 1973 January 31, February 1	box 23	folder 98
Ferry, W.H., 1972 July 13, 25	box 24	folder 99
Fletcher, C. Scott, 1973 March 1, 2, 3	box 24	folder 100
Ford, Benson, 1973 May 24	box 24	folder 101
Ford, Henry II, 1973 August 1	box 24	folder 102
Fox, Melvin J., 1972 October 24, 27, November 2, 8, 21, December 5	box 24	folder 103
Gladieux, Bernard L., 1972 June 29	box 24	folder 104
Gordon, Kermit, 1972 December 19	box 25	folder 105
Gould, Laurence M., 1973 January 25, 26	box 25	folder 106
Griffiths, George H., 1972 September 20		
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Gustavson, Reuben G., 1973 January 25	box 25	folder 107
Haas, Walter A., 1973 July 18	box 25	folder 108
Harkavy, Oscar		
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<b>Conditions Governing Access</b>		
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Harrison, Gordon, 1972 November 21, 30, December 22	box 25	folder 109
Heald, Henry T., 1972 January 7, February 24, 25	box 25	folder 110
Heard, Alexander, 1972 December 21; 1974 September 24	box 25	folder 111
Henderson, Vivian, 1973 April 16	box 25	folder 112
Hertz, Willard, 1973 May 8; 1974 December 23	box 26	folder 113
Hill, F.F., 1973 April 20	box 26	folder 114
Howard, John B., 1973 February 13, 15, 23	box 26	folder 115
Hutchins, Robert M., 1972 May 23, 24	box 26	folder 116
Katz, Milton, 1972 June 22	box 26	folder 117
Kennan, George F., 1972 March 29	box 26	folder 118
Land, Edwin H., 1973 August 20	box 27	folder 119
Larsen, Roy E., 1972 October 25	box 27	folder 120

Laughlin, James, 1973 May 22

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Loudon, John H., 1972 December 7	box 27	folder 121
Lowry, W. McNeil, 1972 January 14, 18, 26, December 4, 11, 18; 1973 February 12, 26, March 6, April 24, May 7, 17, 30, August 27, November 16; 1974 April 23	box 27	folder 122-123
McCloy, John J., 1972 June 26, July 26	box 28	folder 124
McDaniel, Joseph M., 1971 November 17, December 1, 2, 9; 1972 January 5, 13, 19, February 2, 9, 16, July 25, August 3	box 28	folder 125-126
McKeever, Porter, 1973 August 15	box 28	folder 127
McNamara, Robert S., 1972 December 6	box 28	folder 128
McNeely, Janet, 1973 November 27	box 28	folder 129
Magat, Richard, 1974 January 24, March 14	box 29	folder 130
Marquis, Donald G., 1972 October 27	box 29	folder 131
Marshall, Dorothy N., 1973 August 21	box 29	folder 132
Miller, J. Irwin		
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Nielsen, Waldemar, 1972 November 2	box 29	folder 134
Nims, William H., 1971 November 5	box 29	folder 135
Plante, Lilian, 1972 June 14; 1974 April 2	box 29	folder 136
Price, Don K., 1972 June 22-23	box 29	folder 137
Saudek, Robert, 1972 September 14		
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Sheldon, Richard C., 1973 August 7	box 30	folder 138
Slater, Joseph E., 1973 February 2	box 30	folder 139
Spaeth, Carl, 1972 April 24	box 30	folder 140
Stone, Shepard, 1972 December 12	box 30	folder 141

Stratton, Julius A., 1972 February 18, October 18	box 30	folder 142
Sviridoff, Mitchell, 1974 February 12, March 4	box 30	folder 143
Thompson, Marcia, 1974 August 16	box 30	folder 144
Wald, Patricia M., 1972 December 19	box 30	folder 145
Webster, Bethuel M., 1972 June 9	box 31	folder 146
Wright, Thomas H., Jr., 1973 July 19	box 31	folder 147

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Ylvisaker, Paul N., 1973 September 27, October 27	box 31	folder 149
Young, James Webb, 1973 January 24	box 31	folder 150

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Bixler, Paul H., 1972 November 1	box 32	folder 154-155
Black, Eugene, 1972 August 1	box 32	folder 156
Borgmann, Carl W., 1973 January 22	box 32	folder 157
Brown, Dyke, 1972-1973	box 32	folder 158
Bundy, McGeorge, 1972 February 11	box 33	folder 159
Coombs, Philip H., 1973 July 10	box 33	folder 160
David, Donald K., 1972 March 14, 23	box 33	folder 160
Davis, Chester, 1972 April 21	box 33	folder 162

Donaldson, William H.

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Faust, Clarence, 1972 January 30; 1973 January 31, February 1	box 33	folder 166
Ferry, W.H., 1972 July 13, 25	box 33	folder 167
Fletcher, C. Scott, 1973 March 1, 2, 3	box 34	folder 168
Ford, Benson, 1973 May 24	box 34	folder 169
Ford, Henry II, 1973 August 1	box 34	folder 170
Fox, Melvin J., 1972 October 24, 27, November 2, 8, 21, December 5	box 34	folder 171-172
Gladieux, Bernard L., 1972 June 29	box 34	folder 173
Gordon, Kermit, 1972 December 19	box 34	folder 174
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Griffiths, George H., 1972 September 20	box 34	folder 176
Gustavson, Reuben G., 1973 January 25	box 35	folder 177
Haas, Walter A., 1973 July 18	box 35	folder 178

Harkavy, Oscar

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Heald, Henry T., 1972 January 7, February 24, 25	box 35	folder 180
Heard, Alexander, 1972 December 21; 1974 September 24	box 35	folder 181
Henderson, Vivian, 1973 April 16	box 35	folder 182
Hertz, Willard, 1973 May 8; 1974 December 23	box 35	folder 183-184
Hill, F.F., 1973 April 20	box 35	folder 185
Howard, John B., 1973 February 13, 15, 23	box 36	folder 186
Hutchins, Robert M., 1972 May 23, 24	box 36	folder 187
Katz, Milton, 1972 June 22	box 36	folder 188
Kennan, George F., 1972 March 29	box 36	folder 189

Land, Edwin H., 1973 August 20	box 36	folder 190
Larsen, Roy E., 1972 October 25	box 36	folder 191
Laughlin, James, 1973 May 22	box 36	folder 192
Loudon, John H., 1972 December 7	box 36	folder 193
Lowry, W. McNeil, 1972 January 14, 18, 26, December 4, 11, 18; 1973 February 12, 26, March 6, April 24, May 7, 17, 30, August 27, November 16; 1974 April 23	box 36-37	folder 194-197
McCloy, John J., 1972 June 26, July 26	box 37	folder 198
McDaniel, Joseph M., 1971 November 17, December 1, 2, 9; 1972 January 5, 13, 19, February 2, 9, 16, July 25, August 3	box 37	folder 199-202
McKeever, Porter, 1973 August 15	box 38	folder 203
McNamara, Robert S., 1972 December 6	box 38	folder 204
McNeely, Janet, 1973 November 27	box 38	folder 205
Magat, Richard, 1974 January 24, March 14	box 38	folder 206
Marquis, Donald G., 1972 October 27	box 38	folder 207
Marshall, Dorothy N., 1973 August 21	box 38	folder 208
Miller, J. Irwin		
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Morrill, James L., 1972 November 2	box 38	folder 209
Nielsen, Waldemar, 1972 October 5	box 38	folder 210
Nims, William H., 1971 November 5	box 38	folder 211
Plante, Lilian, 1972 June 14; 1974 April 2	box 38	folder 212
Price, Don K., 1972 June 22, 23	box 38	folder 213
Saudek, Robert, 1972 September 14	box 38	folder 214
Sheldon, Richard C., 1973 August 7	box 39	folder 215
Slater, Joseph E., 1973 February 2	box 39	folder 216
Spaeth, Carl, 1972 April 24	box 39	folder 217
Stone, Shepard, 1972 December 12	box 39	folder 218
Stratton, Julius A., 1972 February 18, October 18	box 39	folder 219
Sviridoff, Mitchell, 1974 February 12, March 4	box 39	folder 220
Thompson, Marcia, 1974 August 16	box 39	folder 221



Wald, Patricia M., 1972 December 19	box 39	folder 222
Ward, F. Champion, 1985	box 39	folder 223
<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., 1972 June 9	box 39	folder 224
Wright, Thomas H., Jr., 1973 July 19	box 40	folder 225
Wyzanski, Charles E., 1972 June 5, 21	box 40	folder 226
Ylvisaker, Paul N., 1973 September 27, October 27	box 40	folder 227
Young, James Webb, 1973 January 24	box 40	folder 228

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