



Ford Foundation records, Public Broadcasting, Office Files of Richard Catalano

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas. During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Biographical / Historical

Richard Catalano (1934-2007) held a number of different positions at the Ford Foundation. Between 1963 and 1969, Catalano served as an Assistant to the Secretary, a Program Officer in International Affairs, and a Program Officer in the Office of Public Broadcasting. After he left the Office of Public Broadcasting in 1969, he briefly continued in public television-related work with positions as Vice President for Administration at National Educational Television (NET) and Vice President for Media Services at the Educational Broadcasting Corporation.

Catalano was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After he graduated from Bowdoin College in 1955, he served in the United States Army in Korea from between 1956 and 1958. He received a Master's Degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the year he left the army, and then, in 1963, he earned a J.D. from George Washington University.

Catalano's later career involved a variety of administrative positions at higher education institutions such as the School of Law at Pace University and the City University of New York.

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Scope and Contents

Collection contains the staff subject files of Richard Catalano who held a number of different positions at the Ford Foundation. Between 1963 and 1969, Catalano served as an Assistant to the Secretary, a Program Officer in International Affairs, and a Program Officer in the Office of Public Broadcasting. All of the material in the collection pertains to Catalano's time as Program Officer in the Office of Public Broadcasting. These records comprise one series that documents the Foundation's support for educational television (ETV) in the 1960s and its submission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 1966 that proposed the creation of a satellite system to serve both noncommercial television (informational, cultural, and instructional) and commercial television.

Many of the files appear to hold materials maintained and organized by Catalano rather than materials that directly regard his own activities. The small amount of correspondence authored by or addressed to Catalano found within the collection is all dated 1967 or later. By containing records created through the work of other Ford Foundation officers like Howard Dressner, the collection documents a larger history of the Foundation's Satellite Project and ETV efforts.

In addition to correspondence, the collection holds papers, drafts, notes, memoranda, speech transcripts, brochures, and publications.

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Arrangement

Collection consists of one series. That series is comprised of subject files related to the Ford Foundation Office of Public Broadcasting's work in educational television and the Satellite Project. The subject files are ordered in an inconsistent alphabetical arrangement.

Original order was maintained as much possible.

The collection arrangement is as follows:

Series 1. Educational television (ETV)/Satellite Project subject files, 1962-1968

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Ford Foundation archive was deposited at the RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers' papers were transferred to, and accessioned by the RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

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[FA1518 Ford Foundation records, Public Broadcasting, Satellite Project](#)

Finding aids concerning Richard Catalano's work in International Affairs include:

[FA748 Ford Foundation records, International Affairs records](#)

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Collection Inventory

Educational television (ETV)/Satellite Project subject files, 1962-1968

Physical Description: 1.99 Cubic Feet 4 LTR and 1 LGL size Hollinger boxes

Scope and Contents

Series contains a set of subject files Richard Catalano maintained to document the Ford Foundation's support for educational television (ETV) in the 1960s and its submission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in August 1966 that proposed the creation of a satellite system to serve both noncommercial and commercial television. The majority of the records in the series document the larger scope of the Ford Foundation's Satellite Project and ETV efforts done through the work of officers and executives like Howard Dressner and McGeorge Bundy rather than merely document the work in which Catalano was directly involved. Dates on correspondence authored by and addressed to Catalano suggest that he did not participate in the initiatives of the Office for Public Broadcasting until 1967. Much of Catalano's activities concerned grant requests for educational television related projects.

In addition to correspondence between the Ford Foundation and potential grantees, the series also contains correspondence between the Foundation and organizations that shared similar interests in the FCC's proceeding on domestic satellite systems. Other aspects of the Foundation's Satellite Project are documented in the series by the letters the Foundation sent to the FCC in relation to its submitted proposal, consultant reports for a prototype satellite, and a summary of the Foundation's role in the proceeding and other related events. Furthermore, the Ford Foundation's public relations work for the Satellite Project and other ETV activities are documented by transcripts of various speeches and interviews.

A number of files in the series regard the work of Charles A. Siepmann. The Ford Foundation hired him as a consultant to review informational programming by National Educational Television (NET) and the Public Broadcasting Laboratory (PBL).

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This music recording was found with Leo Ross' proposal to the Ford Foundation for showing films from foreign

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