



Ford Foundation records, Rural Poverty and Resources Department Correspondence

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
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Title:	Ford Foundation records, Rural Poverty and Resources Department Correspondence
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Language of the Material:	English

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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.

Beginning in the 1950s, the Ford Foundation has provided funds to improve the management of land and water, to strengthen policy making for the rural sector and to generate off-farm employment and income, especially for women. In addition, the Foundation supports efforts to increase the productivity of agriculture and to strengthen rural development organizations.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence sent on behalf of the Ford Foundation Program Division, Rural Poverty and Resources Program to Ford Foundation staff, grantees, and grant applicants. Officers who sent and reviewed the correspondence include: Director of the Program, E. Walter Coward, Jr., the Deputy Director, Lisa Mensah, and Program Officers, Elizabeth C. Campbell, Doreen Dun, Eric Holst, Frances F. Korten, Jeffrey T. Olson, Chris Page, Peggy Greaves, and Sharon Ebron

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically into one series: Rural Poverty and Resources Department Correspondence

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This material was transferred to RAC in 2018 by the Ford Foundation and ingested by RAC as Accession 2018:017 and Boxes 37297 and 37297a from Accession 2019:080. Accessions will continue to be added to this collection as necessary.

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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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Rural poverty -- United States
- Rural poverty and resources

Collection Inventory

Rural Poverty and Resources Department Correspondence, 1994-1996		
Title/Description	Instances	
Circulating Chronological File, 1994 September-December	box 3	folder 20-32
	box 4	folder 33
Circulating Chronological File, 1995 January-November	box 4	folder 33-42
	box 5	folder 43-54
	box 6	folder 55-62
Circulating Chronological File, 1995 December	box 1	folder 1-2
Circulating Chronological File, 1996 January-September	box 1	folder 3-9

box 2

folder 10-19

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