



Ford Foundation records, Developing Countries Program, Office Files of Karen L. McGuinness

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Segment One: International Activities of the Ford Foundation: An Overview

The Foundation's aspiration to become a national and international philanthropy for the advancement of human welfare was first formally expressed in the seminal 1949 report of the Gaither Study Committee, *>Report of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program* (RAC Library, call letters 361.7 GAI), which was commissioned by the Board of Trustees to chart the Foundation's future. Foundation Trustees launched Ford's international grantmaking activities in 1950 when they approved the committee's report and its embrace of peace, democracy, and freedom. Since then, the Foundation has tackled these goals using a variety of strategies and responding to changing contexts, from the Cold War to the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall and beyond.

Toward the Foundation's aspiration#al goal, "the establishment of peace", its international activities have comprised a wide range of conceptual approaches and focus areas. These include international affairs, international studies, international understanding, arms control and disarmament, international law, international economic concerns, and overseas development in nearly every region of the world. Three distinct periods emerge for the international grantmaking defined by external contextual changes and

internal changes in Foundation leadership and structures: the expansion era of 1950-1965; the transition and restructuring years of 1966-1988; and the post-1989 shift away from Cold War dichotomies. During each of the distinct historical periods the consistent objectives were: 1) to ensure freedom and democracy in developed countries; 2) to foster education and international understanding in all countries; and 3) to contribute to the social, economic, and political development of less developed countries.

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Scope and Contents

Developing Countries Program correspondence and subject files.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series: 1. Correspondence. 2. Subject Files.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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

Records more than 10 years old are open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Collection Inventory

Chronological Files, 1985-1987

Title/Description	Instances
1985, Telexes Re: Southeast Asia, 1985	box 1
1985-1986, Letters, Sep 1985-Dec 1986	box 1
1985-1986, Memoranda (1 of 2), Jun 1985-Dec 1986	box 1
1985-1986, Memoranda (2 of 2), Jun 1985-Dec 1986	box 1
1985-1986, Telexes, Jan 1985-Dec 1986	box 1
1986, Telexes, 1986	box 1
1986-1987, Telexes (incoming), 1986-1987	box 1
1986-1987, Telexes (outgoing), 1986-1987	box 1
1987, Letters, Jan-Nov 1987	box 1
1987, Memoranda, Jan-Nov 1987	box 1
1987, Telexes, Jan 1987-Nov 1987	box 1

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Subject Files, 1975-1988	
Title/Description	Instances
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 1986-1988	box 1
ASEAN Law Association, 1982-1984	box 1
Asia Watch, 1985-1987	box 1
Asia Watch -- Fiscal Year 1987 Proposal Recommendation, 1983-1987	box 1
Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), 1985	box 1
Child Survival, 1982-1984	box 1
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), 1986	box 1
Chinese Visitors to Latin America and Caribbean, 1986	box 1
Chinese Young Economists, 1985-1987	box 1
Consumer Unions, 1986-1987	box 1
Cultural Preservation, 1982-1984	box 1
Institute for Economic System Reform Delegation, 1986	box 2
International Commission of Jurists, 1982-1986	box 2
International Center for Research on Women, 1983-1985	box 2
International Women's Health Coalition, 1986-1987	box 2
Islam, 1984	box 2
Korea -- Human Rights, 1988	box 2
Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, 1983-1987	box 2
Lawasia Standing Committee for Human Rights, 1982-1985	box 2
NRDC/CERC, 1986-1987	box 2
Pakistan -- Social Sciences, 1975-1978	box 2
Philippines Consultancy, 1984	box 2
Reproductive Health Group, 1981-1987	box 2

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