



# **Ford Foundation records, International Affairs Program, Office Files of Sir Brian Urquhart**

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

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Brian Urquhart is a diplomat, author, and World War II veteran. From 1986 to 1995, he served as a Scholar in Residence in the Ford Foundation's International Affairs Program.

Urquhart served in the British Army during World War II. After his military service, he helped found the United Nations and became the Personal Assistant of Trygve Lie, the first UN Secretary-General. He helped organize and direct the UN's peacekeeping operations in Cyprus, Kashmir, Lebanon, and the Congo. In 1972, he became the UN's Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs. He stayed in that position until he joined the Ford Foundation.

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## Scope and Contents

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Contains correspondence, meeting records, documentation of writing and regional projects, speaking engagements and events, and united nations studies.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in 8 series by file type.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series I. Chronological Correspondence, 1986-1995

Series II. Meetings, 1986-1995

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Series IV. Subject Files, 1987-1995

Series V. Writing Projects, 1986-1995

Series VI. Regional Files, 1986-1995

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an access surrogate. The original items may not be accessed because of preservation concerns. To request an access surrogate be made, or if you are unsure if there is an access surrogate, please contact an archivist.

## 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.

## Processing Information

Level 1 Minimal Processing has been conducted to establish basic intellectual and physical control of the material and assess immediate preservation and conservation needs. Material remains as received, in original folders and storage boxes.

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## Collection Inventory

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Chrons, 1987 January-March	box 1
Chrons, 1987 April-June	box 1
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Chrons, 1987 October-December	box 1
Chrons, 1988 January-March	box 1
Chrons, 1988 April-June	box 1
Chrons, 1988 July-September	box 1
Chrons, 1988 October-December	box 1
Chrons, 1989 January-March	box 1
Chrons, 1989 April-June	box 1

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