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Summary Information

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Abstract:	In July 1975, Marion Bieber, an assistant administrative officer in the Foundation's Paris field office, shipped 15 boxes of Paris field office administrative files to Eldon Jones, Foundation Archivist in New York. In September 1980, Ms. Bieber shipped 21 more boxes of administrative files to Mr. Jones. Of the first group, 7 boxes contained non-Foundation personal records which were sent to the appropriate persons. The remaining 8 boxes were assigned box numbers and stored in the Record Storage Center. Four were given box numbers: 13215, 13218, 13231, 13232. Four were stored and kept with the box numbers assigned to them by the Paris office: 2, 3, 7, 9. The second group were assigned box numbers 11100-11122. 11100 to 11106 - Subject files 11107, 11108 - Administrative and General Correspondence files 11109 to 11111(beg) - General Correspondence files 11111(end), 11112 - Miscellaneous Subject files 11113-11122 - Financial files with retention schedules, several loose nonfinancial files and the Paris chrons. The Paris Files contain program-related material and administrative material related to the daily operation of the Field Office.

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Office history

The idea of a Ford Foundation field office in Europe was first presented in a December 1967 information paper to the Board of Trustees titled "Planning for the Foundation's Activities in Europe" (#002122). The paper outlined the rationale for a "European" office and cited several advantages to having a presence in Europe.

In the information paper several arguments for opening an office in Europe were forwarded: 1) a desire to strengthen European-North American ties to reflect changes in Cold War thinking; 2) a reexamining of American foreign policy in Europe; 3) a redefining of the United States role in Europe in order to better coordinate cooperation on security and economic matters within the European-Atlantic community. A European office would help facilitate establishing contacts with individuals and institutions in Europe, something which could not be done as effectively from New York. The European office would differ from Ford's other field offices because its primary function would be to act as a liaison between New York and European clients. It would also provide logistical support and coordinate stays for Ford Foundation staff traveling to Europe.

The idea was put aside as economically unviable at the time and was not discussed again for several years. It resurfaced in a March 1969 discussion paper titled "A Foundation Office in Europe" (#009034). The general feeling was that a European office would help to broaden and update an old network of clients and friends which would allow the Foundation to gain a 'European' perspective essential for the Foundation to be able to involve itself in European affairs. In the discussion paper an argument was presented against opening an office so as not to single out Europe for special treatment by the Foundation. A modest, low-key office launched without fanfare was recommended, with a Program Officer from the European and International Affairs (EIA) division, an office manager and one or two secretaries. The office would be under the direction of EIA in New York.

The Foundation believed that opportunities for grant-making would present themselves once the field office was opened. The staff began to establish contacts with prominent European individuals and organizations in order to find prospective grantees.

The Paris field office opened in the summer of 1970 with a staff of two: Marion Bieber, assistant administrative officer, and William Bader, program officer and field office representative. The office was opened for the purposes of:

1) identifying European projects and European partners for international projects that would help to find solutions to "common problems of industrial societies" and 2) identifying European projects as well as persons able to assist developing countries in areas of interest to other divisions of the Foundation in New York and in its overseas offices.

These two purposes were to be fulfilled by the Paris office in different ways:

a) by the development of specific programs in Europe under the auspices and in close collaboration with EIA (New York) and b) by channeling information, ideas and suggestions to other divisions and c) by

providing services and facilities to program officers in the U.S. and overseas who wished to develop closer cooperation with Europe in the pursuit of their own programs.

Grants initiated out of the Paris field office for the most part fell into four categories. They were: 1) Arms control, 2) International security and peace research, 3) Migratory labor and migration and 4) The role of parliaments in contemporary European societies.

The Paris field office closed in the summer of 1975 due to budgetary restrictions. At the time of closing, Marion Bieber was administering the field office and David Heaps was the program officer and field office representative in Paris. Grants to organizations in Europe were subsequently administered out of New York ("Some Thoughts After 10 Years of Ford Foundation Work in Europe" by Marion Bieber [#009387]).

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Biographical sketches

Biographical sketches of some of the key individuals involved with the Paris field office are listed below.

William Bader: Office Representative of the Paris field office from Summer 1970 to Summer 1974

David Bell: Vice President of the International Affairs division during the entire period that the Paris field office was open

Marion Bieber: Assistant Administrative Officer of the Paris field office from Summer 1970 to closing on June 30, 1975

Ruth Carter: Assistant Administrative Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1973-1975

Art Cyr: Assistant Program Officer then Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1970-1974

Felice Gaer: Assistant Program Officer and then Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1974-1975

Craufurd Goodwin: Officer-in-Charge of European and International Affairs program during the entire period that the Paris field office was open

David Heaps: Office Representative of the Paris field office after William Bader from Summer 1973 to closing on June 30, 1975

Moselle Kimbler: Assistant Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1970-1972

Andrzej Korbonski: Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1970-1971

Ivo Lederer: Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1970-1975

Peter Ruof: Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1973-1975

Alessandro Silj: Program Officer of the European and International Affairs program, 1970-1972

Francis Sutton: Deputy Vice-President of the International Affairs division during the entire period that the Paris field office was open

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Scope and Contents

The Paris field office files contain records generated by the daily operations of the office from 1970 to 1975. The files also contain some items from the late 1960s and as late as 1978.

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Arrangement

The Paris Field Office files have been organized into four series:

I. Subject Files

II. Administrative Office Files

III. General Correspondence

IV. Chronological Correspondence

Arrangement within each series corresponds as closely as possible to the original order established by the Paris office.

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Administrative Information

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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

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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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Staff and consultant reports were removed from the files and accessioned as part of the Archives collection of staff and consultant reports. Their locations have been noted on cross-reference sheets within the files. A list of all cataloged reports is in Appendix A of the register. Reports not related to Ford Foundation activities have been discarded.

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Collection Inventory

Subject Files, 1970-1977

Scope and Contents

Series I, Subject Files, contains correspondence, memoranda, and reports to and from grantees, prospective grantees and organizations with which the Paris field office had significant contact. It also contains correspondence between the Foundation in New York and its field office in Paris. Most grant material has been removed from these files and can be found in the appropriate grant files. Cross-references were inserted to identify weeded grant material.

It is suggested that folders out of which grant material has been removed be used to supplement the grant files and be viewed in conjunction with their respective grant files. Also note that several of the subject files are topical and do not relate to a specific organization, e.g. Vietnam, arms control, urbanization.

Arrangement

Series I is arranged alphabetically by name of organization (and occasional topical subject, e.g. Arms Control). The subject files were organized into two subseries which both run alphabetically from A to Z. This was done because further boxes were discovered after processing had begun. Comingling the series would have caused confusion because numbered folders would not correspond with alphabetical listings.

Some files do not fall correctly in the alphabetical sequence. For example, many university subject files are found under 'U' instead of under their university name, e.g. Yale University.

Subseries A, 1970-1975

Title/Description	Instances	
African Studies in French Universities, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 1
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1970-1973	box 1	folder 2
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1971-1974	box 1	folder 3
American Council of Young Political Leaders, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 4
American Library in Paris, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 5
American Society of International Law, 1970-1973	box 1	folder 6
Arms Control: General, 1972-1974	box 1	folder 7
Atlantic Institute, 1972-1974	box 1	folder 8
Baulieu, Etienne of Hôpital Kremlin-Bicêtre, 1971	box 1	folder 9
British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 10
Brookings Institution, 1971-1974	box 1	folder 11
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1971-1973	box 1	folder 12

CEDAF (Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Africaines), 1973-1974	box 1	folder 13
CENSIS (Center for Research on Social Investments), 1971-1972	box 1	folder 14
Centre for Contemporary European Studies, 1974	box 1	folder 15
Centre for Environmental Studies - London, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 15A
Schaff Institute, 1973	box 1	folder 16
CEDEP (Centre Européen d'Education Permanente), 1974	box 1	folder 17
Centre de Recherche sur la Décision, 1970-1971	box 1	folder 18
Catholic Institute for Intl. Relations, 1972-1973	box 1	folder 19
College of Europe, 1970-1973	box 1	folder 20
Common Problems Research Competition, 1973	box 1	folder 21
COPRED (Consortium on Peace Education and Development), 1973	box 1	folder 22
COSPOS (Bi-National Committee for Social and Political Sciences), 1971-1972	box 1	folder 23
Council for European Studies, 1971-1975	box 1	folder 24
Council on Foreign Relations, 1970-1975	box 1	folder 25
Deutsche Entwicklungshilfe für Soziales Wohnungs-, 1970-1971	box 1	folder 26
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Friedens und Konfliktforschung, 1971-1972	box 1	folder 27
Educational Technology in European Higher Education - Grenoble Conf. - 9/24-27/74, 1974	box 1	folder 28
Energy Policy Project, 1972	box 1	folder 29
EURNAC (European-North American Committee), 1971-1974	box 2	folder 30
European Association of Development Centers and Institutes, 1973-1975	box 2	folder 31
European Libraries and Institutes, 1970-1974	box 2	folder 32
Federal Trust for Education and Research, 1970-1974	box 2	folder 33
Fédération Nationale des Ecoles, des Parents et des Educateurs, 1973-1974	box 2	folder 34
FAP - Common Problems	box 2	folder 35
Finland - Helsinki Meeting	box 2	folder 36
Finnish Institutes	box 2	folder 37
Fondation pour le Développement Culturel, 1970-1974	box 2	folder 38
Fondation FACIM, 1971		

	box 2	folder 39
Fondation Royaumont, 1971-1975	box 2	folder 40
The Wates Foundation, 1974	box 2	folder 41
Fundacion General Mediterranea, 1971-1972	box 2	folder 42
France, 1974	box 2	folder 43
German-American Conferences, 1974	box 2	folder 44
German Comm. on Economic and Social Change, 1973-1974	box 2	folder 45
American German Journalist Conference, 1971-1972	box 2	folder 46
Humanities and the Arts Projects, 1970-1973	box 2	folder 47
INODEP (Institute Cumenique Pour le Developpement des Peuples), 1974	box 2	folder 48
Institute de la Communauté Européenne pour les Etudes Universitaires, 1970-1975	box 2	folder 49
Institut Francais d'Histoire Sociale, 1971-1974	box 2	folder 50
Institut National Agronomique, 1972-1974	box 2	folder 51
Institut Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales, 1972-1973	box 2	folder 52
Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 1970-1974	box 2	folder 53
Aspen Institute, 1971-1973	box 2	folder 54
International Affairs Institute - Italy, 1970-1974	box 2	folder 55
Institute of Race Relations	box 2	folder 56
Adlai Stevenson Institute of Intl. Affairs	box 2	folder 57
Institute for the Study of Conflict, 1970-1975	box 2	folder 58
Inter-Nation Television Trust	box 2	folder 59
Pierre Emmanuel - IACF (See Folder 61)	box 2	folder 60
Intl. Association of Cultural Freedom	box 2	folder 61
International Broadcast Institute	box 3	folder 62
Intl. Institute of Administrative Sciences, 1974	box 3	folder 63
International Institute for Labor Studies, 1974	box 3	folder 64
Intl. Institute for Strategic Studies, 1970-1974	box 3	folder 65
Intl. Planned Parenthood Federation, 1973	box 3	folder 66
International P.E.N., 1972	box 3	folder 67
International Press Institute - Zurich, 1971-1974	box 3	folder 68
International Red Cross, 1972-1974		

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IREX (Int'l Research and Exchanges Board), 1971-1973	box 3	folder 70
International Social Security Association, 1973-1974	box 3	folder 71
International Social Science Council, 1972	box 3	folder 72
Interphil, 1971-1974	box 3	folder 73
ISSOCO (Istituto per lo Studio Della Societa Contemporanea), 1971-1972	box 3	folder 74
Italian Pugwash Group - ISODARCO, 1971-1974	box 3	folder 75
Jeune Afrique - Claude Labbé	box 3	folder 76
London Business School, 1974	box 3	folder 77
London School of Economics, 1971-1972	box 3	folder 78
Management Education in Europe, 1970-1974	box 3	folder 79
Manchester Business School	box 3	folder 80
Medico-Social Research Board - Dublin	box 3	folder 81
M.I.T. - European Security Project	box 3	folder 82
Mouvement Francais pour le Planning Familial	box 3	folder 83
Norwegian Institute of Intl. Affairs	box 3	folder 84
Nuffield College	box 3	folder 85
Overseas Development Council	box 3	folder 86
Overseas Development Institute	box 3	folder 87
Political and Economic Planning, 1972-1973	box 3	folder 88
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Queens College, 1971-1972	box 4	folder 91
Royal College of Art, 1972-1973	box 4	folder 92
Rumanian Urban Studies, 1973-1974	box 4	folder 93
Schwartz, Bertrand, 1970-1973	box 4	folder 94
SIDA (Swedish Intl. Development Authority), 1973-1974	box 4	folder 95
Social Science Research Council - NY, 1974-1975	box 4	folder 96
Société des Amis de Léon Blum, 1970-1974	box 4	folder 97
Société Protectice des Humains, 1970	box 4	folder 98
Soviet and E. European Research Competition, 1974-1975	box 4	folder 99
SIPRI (Stockholm Intl. Peace Research Inst.), 1970-1975	box 4	folder 100

Strategic Concepts of Arms Control, 1970-1973	box 4	folder 101
Swedish Institutes, 1971-1973	box 4	folder 102
Telecommunications Task Force, 1972-1974	box 4	folder 103
Trade Policy Research Centre, 1970-1974	box 4	folder 104
2-Key Projects	box 4	folder 105
Travel and Study Awards, 1970-1975	box 4	folder 106
United Nations Association, 1970-1974	box 4	folder 107
Universities in U.S.A., 1971-1974	box 4	folder 108
Universities Services Center, 1970-1971	box 4	folder 109
Columbia University, 1972	box 4	folder 110
Cornell University, 1971-1974	box 4	folder 111
Duke University, 1972-1973	box 4	folder 112
Granada University, 1974	box 4	folder 113
Harvard University, 1971-1974	box 4	folder 114
Johns Hopkins University, 1971-1974	box 5	folder 115
McGill University, 1970-1973	box 5	folder 116
Michigan University	box 5	folder 117
Princeton University, 1971-1974	box 5	folder 118
Queen's University, 1973-1974	box 5	folder 119
University of Surrey, 1973	box 5	folder 120
University of Toronto, 1974	box 5	folder 121
Tufts University, 1974	box 5	folder 122
University of Virginia, 1970-1973	box 5	folder 123
Yale University, 1970-1974	box 5	folder 124
Urbanization	box 5	folder 125
U.S.S.R., 1971-1973	box 5	folder 126
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Benoit Verhaegen, 1974	box 5	folder 129
Wilton Park, 1970-1974	box 5	folder 130
Woodrow Wilson Intl. Center for Scholars, 1971-1974	box 5	folder 131
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World Assembly of Youth, 1970-1971	box 5	folder 133
World Law Fund, 1971-1972	box 5	folder 134
Subseries B, 1970-1977		
Title/Description	Instances	
Amnesty International, 1970-1974	box 5	folder 135
Battelle Institute, 1973-1974	box 5	folder 136
Centre Charles Richet, 1972-1974	box 5	folder 137
Centre for Mediterranean Studies, 1971	box 5	folder 138
Centre de Recherches Historique, 1973	box 5	folder 139
Centre de Sociologie des Organisations, 1971-1974	box 5	folder 140
Ditchley Foundation, 1971-1972	box 5	folder 141
East-West Workshops, 1975	box 5	folder 142
European Economic Commission, 1973-1974	box 5	folder 143
Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 1973-1974	box 5	folder 144
Fondation Simone et Cino del Duca, 1976	box 5	folder 145
Fondation Européenne de la Culture, 1971	box 5	folder 146
Fondation de France, 1972	box 5	folder 147
Association des Amis de Lourmarin, 1973	box 5	folder 148
Gulbenkian Foundation, 1971-1973	box 6	folder 149
George Marshall Memorial Fund, 1971-1974	box 6	folder 150
Thyssen Foundation, 1971-1974	box 6	folder 151
Fondation Paul-Henri Spaak, 1972-1973	box 6	folder 152
Foundation Stifterverband, 1971-1972	box 6	folder 153
Volkswagen (Foundation), 1971-1975	box 6	folder 154
IDERIC (Institut d'Etudes et de Recherches Interethniques et Interculturelles), 1972-1977	box 6	folder 155
International Studies Conference, 1975-1976	box 6	folder 156
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 1974-1976	box 6	folder 157
Returning Migrants, 1976-1977	box 6	folder 158
Paris Meeting on Migratory Labor, 1972	box 6	folder 159
European Center for Social Research and Welfare Training - Vienna, 1974-1977	box 6	folder 160
Office de la Radio, Television Francais, 1971-1975		

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Organization for Economics Cooperation and Development, 1972	box 6	folder 162
Université Catholique de Louvain, 1974	box 6	folder 163
Stanford University, 1971-1973	box 6	folder 164
University of Sussex, 1973	box 6	folder 165
Women in Management, 1975-1976	box 6	folder 166
Women: Task Force on the Status of Women, 1972-1975	box 6	folder 167
Women: Int'l Federation of University Women, 1973	box 6	folder 168
Women: Lucy Cavendish College, 1973-1974	box 6	folder 169
Parliamentary Crisis Research, 1971-1973	box 6	folder 170
Human Rights, 1971-1975	box 6	folder 171

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Administrative Office Files, 1971-1973

Scope and Contents

Series II, Administrative Office Files, contains correspondence, memoranda and reports distributed between program officers, field offices, and other divisions of the Foundation with which the Paris office had contact.

Arrangement

Series II is arranged alphabetically by program officer or location of field office. These files have been kept as they were filed by the Paris field office.

Title/Description	Instances	
EIA - European Conference, Sterling Forest, 1971 January	box 7	folder 172
EIA - Budget Program and Management	box 7	folder 173
EIA - Policy Memoranda	box 7	folder 174
EIA - Program Memoranda	box 7	folder 175
Board of Trustees, 1973	box 7	folder 176
Bundy, McGeorge	box 7	folder 177
Goodwin, Craufurd	box 7	folder 178
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Sutton, Francis	box 7	folder 183
Ward, F. Champion	box 7	folder 184
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	box 7	folder 185
F.O. - Ankara	box 7	folder 186
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F.O. - Beirut	box 7	folder 188
F.O. - Dacca	box 7	folder 189
F.O. - Lagos	box 7	folder 190
F.O. - Mexico	box 7	folder 191
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General Correspondence

Scope and Contents

Series III, General Correspondence, focuses primarily on prospective grantees and contains correspondence between the Paris office and these organizations and individuals. It provides a good overview of the types of organizations and individuals of interest to the field office.

Much of the contents in this series relates to the subjects of greatest interest to the Paris office. The four main areas of interest to the Foundation in Europe were: arms control, international security issues and peace research, migration and migratory labor, and the role of parliaments in contemporary European society.

Arrangement

Series III is arranged alphabetically by name.

Title/Description	Instances	
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General - "B"	box 7	folder 194
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General - "T"	box 9	folder 211
General - "U"	box 9	folder 212
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General - "Y"	box 9	folder 215
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Chronological Correspondence, 1972-1974

Scope and Contents

Series IV, Chronological Correspondence ("chrons"), contains copies of all correspondence emanating out of the Paris field office. It has been kept in the order in which it was found.

Arrangement

Series IV is arranged in reverse chronological order. These files were kept in their original order.

Title/Description	Instances	
1974 October 1 - December 30	box 9	folder 217
1974 July 1 - September 30	box 9	folder 218
1974 May 2 - June 28	box 9	folder 219
1974 March 1 - April 30	box 10	folder 220
1974 January 2 - February 28	box 10	folder 221
1973 November 2 - December 28	box 10	folder 222
1973 August 1 - October 31	box 10	folder 223
1973 May 2 - July 31		

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1973 March 1 - April 30	box 11	folder 225
1973 January 2 - February 28	box 11	folder 226
1972 November 1 - December 30	box 11	folder 227
1972 September 1 - October 31	box 11	folder 228
1972 July 1 - August 31	box 11	folder 229
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