



Ford Foundation records, International Division, Office Files of Elinor Barber

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	<p>The papers of Elinor Barber, Program Officer of the Office of the Vice President, International Division (OVP/ID) from 1967 to 1981, document her activities and those of the International Division, particularly those related to Foundation programs on the rights and status of women, affirmative action, and education, during this period. They were sent to the Foundation's Archives in January 1982. The papers consist primarily of correspondence, memoranda, and Barber's rough notes summarizing meetings and conferences she attended. They are divided into two series. Arrangement of the series and of files within the series is based as closely as possible on the original order in which the papers were maintained.</p>

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Biographical / Historical

Elinor G. Barber, Program Officer of the Ford Foundation's Office of the Vice President, International Division, was a member of the Foundation staff from October 1967 until her departure in October 1981. During this period, she held the following positions:

- October 1967, Program Officer, Office of Planning and Evaluation, International Division
- October 1969, Program Officer, Office of the Vice President, International Division

Ms. Barber also served as a consultant to the Foundation's U.S. and International Affairs Program between November 15, 1981 and February 1, 1982.

Elinor Barber was born on November 11, 1924. She received her B.A. in History from Vassar College in 1945 and was elected Phi Beta Kappa. She earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in History from Radcliffe College in 1946 and 1951, respectively.

Prior to Barber's career with the Ford Foundation, she held the following positions:

- 1949 - 52, Instructor, Smith College
- 1956 - 57, 1967, Lecturer, Columbia University
- 1961- 67, Editor for Biographies, International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Crowell, Collier and Macmillan

After her departure from the Foundation, she joined the Institute of International Education as Coordinator for Research.

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Scope and Contents

Elinor Barber's papers document her Foundation activities from 1967 to 1981, particularly in the following areas:

- the activities of the International Division: the Office of the Vice President and the overseas field offices;
- the activities of Ford Foundation committees, conferences, offices, and working groups on programs related to the rights and status of women; and on the Ford Foundation's internal and external affirmative action initiatives;

- Ford Foundation studies or programs related to education, including the Barber/Ilchman International Studies Review for the Social Science Research Council; Foundation support of Language Education, particularly at the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL); Barber's papers on Sex Differences in Education and on Rural Education; and Barber's contributions to the Education section of the March 1981 Information Paper presented to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

The papers contain materials on policy planning, administration and evaluation, and meetings and conferences for the following programs in the International Division in effect at that time: Office of the Vice President (OVP), Asia and the Pacific (A&P), Europe and International Affairs (EIA), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and Middle East and Africa (MEA).

There is correspondence for the years 1971 - 1981 between New York-based staff and overseas field staff of the International Division on the International Division's grant-making activities, particularly those related to the rights and status of women, and on Barber's trips to the field. There is also correspondence for the years 1973 - 1981 between Barber and Ford Foundation consultants, selected grantee and membership organizations, individuals and organizations seeking grants, and other donor organizations. Correspondents of special interest include Mary Jean Bowman, Arvonne Fraser, Adrienne Germain, Janet Giele, Hanna Papanek, and Audrey Smock.

There is extensive material on the activities of seven successive Foundation committees on programs for women's rights and for affirmative action for the years 1970 to 1981: the Committee on the Role of Women; the Task Force on the Status of Women; the Affirmative Action Committee; the Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs; the Committee on Women in International Programs; the Women's Programs Group; and the International Division Committee on Women. There is also material on the World Conference of the United Nations' International Women's Year in Mexico, 1975; on the NGO (Non-Governmental Organizations) Forum for the World Conference of the UN Decade for Women in Copenhagen, 1980; and on the Ford Foundation International Division's Conference on Women's Programs, March 1980. The papers contain lists of participants, agenda, notes for discussion, and Barber's notes or memoranda summarizing the proceedings.

The papers contain materials related to programs for women's rights and status for the years 1970 - 1981 which were generated by Foundation offices and working groups in addition to those of the International Division, including the Higher Education and Research (HE&R), National Affairs (NA) and Population (POP) Offices, the Chafkin Working Group on Nutrition, and the Women's Program Group Task Force on the Military in Society. There are files of correspondence, interoffice memoranda, and Barber's rough notes concerning program planning, administration and evaluation; grant proposals and staff comment; and meetings she attended. Topics of special interest include: proposed programs on Training for Women Leaders at U.S. Universities (1977 - 1981); and discussions of the Percy Amendment (May 1974).

The papers are rich in material on the Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review (1979), a report conducted on behalf of the Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC) by Barber and Warren Ilchman which surveyed International Studies programs at thirteen U.S. universities. There are files of correspondence, memoranda, and notes on preliminary planning, questionnaire forms, scheduling, on-site contacts, responses from interviewees, coding format for data processing, preliminary conclusions, responses from recipients of the Review, and projected "next steps" for Foundation program planning.

The papers also contain a great deal of material on Foundation programs supporting Language Education for the years 1967 - 1980, particularly at the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL). There are files of correspondence, memoranda, and notes on language teaching, research (especially in sociolinguistics and bilingual-bicultural education), and meetings and conferences attended.

Finally, there is material related to Barber's papers on the Role of Sex Differences in Educational Attainment (May 1977, July 1979); on Rural Education (Oct. 1979, Dec. 1979), including a presentation for the International Division Education Conference (Oct. 1979); and on the Education section of the March 1981 Information Paper presented to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. There are files of background material, rough drafts and staff comment, and responses from recipients.

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Arrangement

The papers of Elinor Barber are divided into two series:

I. Correspondence Files

II. Subject Files

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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

Some groups of papers have been removed and placed with the appropriate record groups in the Ford Foundation Archives:

- Ford Foundation Conference Papers
- Minutes and Dockets of Trustee Meetings
- Staff and consultant reports and publications.

Their locations have been noted on cross-reference sheets. A list of titles of reports removed from the papers is appended to this register.

Papers not related to Ford Foundation activities have been removed.

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence Files, 1971 - 1981

Scope and Contents

Series I, Correspondence Files (1971 - 1981), is the most extensive. It contains Barber's files of incoming and outgoing correspondence and inter-office memoranda.

Arrangement

This series is divided into the following two sub-series:

A. Alphabetical Files (4 boxes)

B. International Division Files (3 boxes)

Alphabetical Files**Scope and Contents**

These files consist of Barber's selected incoming and outgoing correspondence with Ford Foundation colleagues and consultants, grantee and membership organizations, individuals and organizations seeking grants, and other donor organizations.

Arrangement

These files are arranged alphabetically. Within each folder, the correspondence is arranged in reverse chronological order.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abou-Saif, Layla, 1978	box 1	folder 1
Abu-Nasr, Julinda (Institute for Women's Studies in Arab World - Beirut), 1976	box 1	folder 2
Agricultural Development Council, 1977	box 1	folder 3
Aguiar, Neuma (IUPERJ grant), 1978	box 1	folder 4
AID (Arvonne Fraser), 1975 - 1980	box 1	folder 5
Almy, Susan (Rockefeller Foundation), 1976	box 1	folder 6
Beardsley/Eddy/Richards Proposal, 1980	box 1	folder 7
Boston Group Proposal, 1978	box 1	folder 8
Bowman, Mary Jean, 1976 - 1977	box 1	folder 9
Bunting Institute (Radcliffe- Marion Kilson/Marina Horner), 1979 - 1980	box 1	folder 10
Bruce, Judith (Family Planning International Assistance), 1977 - 1979	box 1	folder 11
Bryn Mawr (April 10, 1976), 1976	box 1	folder 12
Burn, Barbara (President's Commission on Foreign Languages), 1978 - 1979	box 1	folder 13
Cassell, Joan, 1976 - 1977	box 1	folder 14
CEFRES (Francoise Latour), 1977 - 1979	box 1	folder 15
Chen, Marty (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee), 1980	box 1	folder 16
Cole, Jonathan, 1974 - 1977	box 1	folder 17
Cole, Michael, 1976	box 1	folder 18
Columbia University (Jonathan Cole), 1977-1978	box 1	folder 19

Dandekar, Hemalata, 1979 - 1980	box 1	folder 20
Elmendorf, Mary, 1973 - 1975	box 1	folder 21
Epstein/Senaratne Proposal, 1976	box 1	folder 22
Feminist Networking Proposals, 1980	box 1	folder 23
Film Proposals, 1980	box 1	folder 24
Gephart - Gender and Society, 1980	box 1	folder 25
Germain, Adrienne, 1980 - 1981	box 2	folder 26
Germain, Adrienne, 1979	box 2	folder 27
Germain, Adrienne, 1978	box 2	folder 28
Germain, Adrienne, 1977	box 2	folder 29
Germain, Adrienne, 1976	box 2	folder 30
Germain, Adrienne, 1975	box 2	folder 31
Germain, Adrienne (International Women's Year Activities), 1974 - 1975	box 2	folder 32
Giele/Smock (International Project on the Status of Women), 1976	box 2	folder 33
Giele/Smock (International Project on the Status of Women), 1975	box 2	folder 34
Giele/Smock (International Project on the Status of Women), 1974	box 2	folder 35
Harris, Rosalind, 1977 - 1978	box 3	folder 36
Human Rights/Women's Rights Proposals, 1975 - 1981	box 3	folder 37
Huntington, Suellen, 1976	box 3	folder 38
International Center for Research on Women (Turbitt, Youseff/ Buvinic), 1978 - 1979	box 3	folder 39
ISIS International (Judy Sidden), 1976	box 3	folder 40
Jamaican Women's Bureau, 1976 - 1977	box 3	folder 41
Lazarus, Barbara, 1979 - 1980	box 3	folder 42
Lee, Dr. Tai-Young (Korea Legal Aid Center), 1975 - 1976	box 3	folder 43
Leslie, Joanne, 1979	box 3	folder 44
Lipman-Blumen, Jean, 1978	box 3	folder 45
Luria, Zella, 1978	box 3	folder 46
Minge-Klevana, Wanda, 1980	box 3	folder 47
Minnesota, University of, 1980	box 3	folder 48

Money, John, 1977	box 3	folder 49
National Council of Negro Women, 1979	box 3	folder 50
Overseas Development Council, 1976 - 1979	box 3	folder 51
Overseas Education Fund, 1976	box 3	folder 52
Palmer, Ingrid (ILO), 1976 - 1978	box 3	folder 53
Papanek, Hanna, 1974 - 1981	box 3	folder 54
Patton, Dorothy, 1976	box 3	folder 55
Porter, Leslie, 1976	box 3	folder 56
Rappoport/Safilios-Rothschild Proposal, 1976 - 1977	box 3	folder 57
Safilios-Rothschild, Constantina, 1974 - 1978	box 3	folder 58
Smock, Audrey, 1979 - 1980	box 3	folder 59
Smock, Audrey, 1978	box 3	folder 60
Smock, Audrey, 1977	box 3	folder 61
Sostek, Anita M., 1979	box 3	folder 62
Tinker, Irene, 1979 - 1980	box 3	folder 63
Treistman, Judith, 1979	box 3	folder 64
Turnabout (Roxanne Russell), 1979	box 4	folder 65
Wainerman, Catalina, 1977 - 1978	box 4	folder 66
Wald, Patricia, 1974 - 1976	box 4	folder 67
WEAL Fund, 1967 - 1977	box 4	folder 68
Wellesley Center, 1978	box 4	folder 69
Whiting, Beatrice (Harvard University), 1975 - 1979	box 4	folder 70
Women's World Banking, 1979 - 1980	box 4	folder 71
World Bank (Susan Cochrane), 1979 - 1980	box 4	folder 72
Worldwatch, 1976 - 1977	box 4	folder 73
Zeidenstein/Abdullah Proposal, 1975 - 1976	box 4	folder 74

International Division Files

Scope and Contents

These files consist of Barber's incoming and outgoing correspondence and inter-office memoranda within the Foundation's Office of the Vice President, International Division (OVP/ID), and with the ID field offices.

Arrangement

These files are divided into the following programs of the International Division in effect at that time:

- Asia and Pacific (A&P)
- Europe and International Affairs (EIA)
- Latin America (LAC)
- Middle East and Africa (MEA)

Each of these programs is further divided into the following sections:

- Regional and Overseas Office Activities
- Women-Related Activities
- Field Trips

The files in each section are arranged alphabetically by country. Within each folder, the files are arranged in reverse chronological order.

Title/Description	Instances	
A&P Regional and Overseas Activities, 1972 - 1981	box 4	folder 75
Women-Related Activities (Bangladesh), 1972 - 1980	box 4	folder 76
Women-Related Activities (India), 1979 - 1981	box 4	folder 77
Women-Related Activities (India), 1972 - 1978	box 4	folder 78
Women-Related Activities (Pakistan), 1975 - 1976	box 4	folder 79
Women-Related Activities (Pakistan), 1972 - 1974	box 4	folder 80
Women-Related Activities (Philippines), 1974 - 1978	box 4	folder 81
Women-Related Activities (Thailand), 1972 - 1981	box 4	folder 82
Asia Trip, March 1981 (India and Indonesia), 1978 - 1981	box 5	folder 83
Asia Trip, January 1978 (Indonesia), 1977 - 1978	box 5	folder 84
Asia Trip, January 1978 (India), 1977 - 1978	box 5	folder 85
Asia Trip, January 1978 (Philippines), 1977 - 1978	box 5	folder 86
Asia Trip, January 1978 (Thailand), 1976 - 1978	box 5	folder 87
Asia Trip, March 1975, 1974 - 1975	box 5	folder 88
Japan Trip, August 1972, 1972	box 5	folder 89
EIA Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1980 - 1981	box 5	folder 90
EIA Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1977 - 1979	box 5	folder 91
EIA Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1971 - 1976	box 5	folder 92

EGB Trip to England, March 1980, 1979 - 1980	box 5	folder 93
EGB Trip to England and Wales, Sept. 1978, 1978	box 5	folder 94
EGB Trip to Europe, Sept. 1976, 1976 - 1977	box 5	folder 95
LAC Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1975 - 1980	box 5	folder 96
LAC Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1972 - 1974	box 5	folder 97
Women-Related Activities (Brazil), 1980 - 1981	box 5	folder 98
Women-Related Activities (Brazil), 1979	box 5	folder 99
Women-Related Activities (Brazil), 1973 - 1978	box 5	folder 100
Women-Related Activities (Colombia), 1973 - 1981	box 6	folder 101
Women-Related Activities (Mexico), 1973 - 1980	box 6	folder 102
Women's Program Review, Mexico - Background Correspondence (May 1979), 1976 - 1979	box 6	folder 103
Brazil Trip, February 1980, 1976 - 1980	box 6	folder 104
Latin America Trip June 1979, 1976 - 1979	box 6	folder 105
South America Trip June 1975, 1974 - 1975	box 6	folder 106
MEA Regional and Overseas Office Activities, 1972 - 1977	box 6	folder 107
East and Southern Africa Office Activities, 1977 - 1981	box 6	folder 108
East and Southern Africa Office Activities, 1972 - 1976	box 6	folder 109
North Africa Office Activities, 1972 - 1973	box 6	folder 110
West Africa Office Activities, 1978 - 1981	box 6	folder 111
West Africa Office Activities, 1976 - 1977	box 6	folder 112
West Africa Office Activities, 1972 - 1975	box 6	folder 113
Women-Related Activities (Middle East), 1972 - 1980	box 6	folder 114
Africa Trip, Oct./Nov. 1976, 1976	box 6	folder 115
Africa Trip - Language, Oct./Nov. 1976, 1976	box 6	folder 116
East Africa Trip March 1980, 1980	box 6	folder 117
West Africa Trip February 1980, 1978 - 1980	box 6	folder 118

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Subject Files, 1967 - 1981

Arrangement

Series II, Subject Files (1967 - 1981), contains informational files arranged by subject. This series is divided into the following two sub-series:

A. Affirmative Action/Women (3 boxes)

B. Education (3 boxes)

Affirmative Action/Women

Scope and Contents

These files consist of material on the activities of Ford Foundation committees and conferences, offices and selected working groups on the Foundation's affirmative action initiatives, and on Foundation programs related to women's rights and status.

Arrangement

These files are divided into the following two sections:

- Committees/Conferences
- Office/Working Groups

Within each section, the folders are arranged alphabetically. Within each folder, the correspondence is arranged in reverse chronological order.

Title/Description	Instances	
Committee on Women in International Programs, 1979	box 7	folder 119
Committee on Women in International Programs, 1978	box 7	folder 120
Committee on Women in International Programs, 1977	box 7	folder 121
Committee on Women in International Programs, 1976	box 7	folder 122
Committee on Women in International Programs, 1974 - 1975	box 7	folder 123
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1977 - 1978	box 7	folder 124
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1976 May - December	box 7	folder 125
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1976 January - March	box 7	folder 126
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1975	box 7	folder 127
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1974 September - December	box 8	folder 128
Coordinating Committee on Women's Programs, 1974 January - August	box 8	folder 129
Expanded Program Activities Concerning Women, 1980	box 8	folder 130

FF Programs for Women - Budgets for FY 1980 - 1981, 1979 - 1980	box 8	folder 131
Information Paper on Programs for Women, 1979	box 8	folder 132
Internal Affirmative Action, 1974 - 1981	box 8	folder 133
Internal Affirmative Action, 1971 - 1973	box 8	folder 134
ID Committee on Women (1980), 1980 - 1981	box 8	folder 135
ID Conference on Women's Programs (March 1980), 1980	box 8	folder 136
Programs Related to Women, 1970 - 1971	box 8	folder 137
Task Force on Status of Women, 1973 July - December	box 8	folder 138
Task Force on Status of Women, 1973 January - June	box 8	folder 139
Task Force on Status of Women, 1972 September - December	box 9	folder 140
Task Force on Status of Women, 1972 January - August	box 9	folder 141
U.N. International Women's Year - NGO Forum, Mid - Decade, Copenhagen, 1980, 1980	box 9	folder 142
U.N. International Women's Year - World Conference Mexico, 1975, 1974 - 1976	box 9	folder 143
Women's Programs DAP - 769-0804, 1975 - 1980	box 9	folder 144
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Women's Program Group, 1980 January - March	box 9	folder 147
Chafkin Working Group on Nutrition, 1979 - 1981	box 9	folder 148
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National Affairs Office Activities, 1972 - 1975	box 9	folder 150
Percy Amendment, 1974 - 1975	box 10	folder 151
Population Office Activities, 1975 - 1979	box 10	folder 152
Population Office Activities, 1973 - 1974	box 10	folder 153
Training for Women Leaders at U.S. Universities, 1977 - 1981	box 10	folder 154
Women and the Military, 1981 June - September	box 10	folder 155
Women and the Military, 1981 January - May	box 10	folder 156
Women and the Military, 1980	box 10	folder 157
Women in Agricultural Development, 1974 - 1980	box 10	folder 158
Women Migrants and Refugees, 1980	box 10	folder 159
Women - Miscellaneous, 1974 - 1979	box 10	folder 160

Education

Scope and Contents

These files consist of material on Ford Foundation programs or studies related to education.

Arrangement

These files are divided into the following six sections:

- Barber/Ilchman Social Science Research Council Review of International Studies
- Language Education
- Sex Differences in Education
- Rural Education
- Higher Education and Research (HER) Office Activities
- March 1981 Information Paper - Education

Within each section, the folders are arranged alphabetically. Within each folder, the correspondence is arranged in reverse chronological order.

Title/Description	Instances	
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review, 1979	box 10	folder 161
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review, 1978	box 10	folder 162
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review - Background Material, 1979	box 10	folder 163
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review - Responses, 1980	box 10	folder 164
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review - Responses, 1979 July - December	box 10	folder 165
Barber/Ilchman SSRC Review - Responses, 1979 May - June	box 10	folder 166
Columbia University (Feb. 1-2, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 167
Cornell University (Jan. 29-30, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 168
University of Chicago (Feb. 8-9, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 169
University of Michigan (Feb. 27-28, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 170
Michigan State University (Feb. 19-21, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 171
Stanford University (Feb. 15-16, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 172
University of Texas (Feb. 26-27, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 173
Tulane University (Mar. 1-2, 1979), 1979	box 11	folder 174
University of California at Berkeley, 1975 - 1979	box 12	folder 175
University of California at Berkeley (Feb. 22-23, 1979), 1979	box 12	folder 176

University of Washington (Feb. 12-13, 1979), 1979	box 12	folder 177
University of Wisconsin (Feb. 15-16, 1979), 1979	box 12	folder 178
Yale University (Jan. 29-30, 1979), 1979	box 12	folder 179
Language Education, 1979 - 1980	box 12	folder 180
Language Education, 1978	box 12	folder 181
Language Education, 1976- 1977	box 12	folder 182
Language Education, 1975	box 12	folder 183
Language Education, 1974	box 12	folder 184
Language Education, 1971 - 1973	box 12	folder 185
Language Education, 1969 - 1970	box 12	folder 186
Language Education, 1967 - 1968	box 12	folder 187
Sex Differences in Education - EGB Paper, Recipients' Responses, 1978 - 1979	box 13	folder 188
Sex Differences in Education - EGB Paper, Recipients' Responses, 1977 July - December	box 13	folder 189
Sex Differences in Education - EGB Paper, Recipients' Responses, 1977 May - June	box 13	folder 190
Sex Differences in Education - Meeting, Feb. 5, 1979, 1978 - 1979	box 13	folder 191
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Rural Education (IIEP Seminar), 1975 - 1979	box 13	folder 193
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HE&R Office Activities, 1970 - 1974	box 13	folder 195
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