



# **Ford Foundation records, International Division, Office of the Vice President, International Program Review Files**

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

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### 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 aspirational 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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### Segment 3. Period Summary - Transition and Restructuring 1966-1988

During this era, the Foundation's earlier interest in business and the economy evolved into a commitment to improving conditions for people living on the margins of society. The Ford Foundation promoted advancements in women's rights around the globe and introduced micro-lending into grantmaking. At the same time, the economic issues that were shaping program strategies also affected the Foundation's assets. Severe cuts resulted in a significant restructuring of country programs and reduced budgets across all programs.

Even with the cuts in country offices, in the 1970s Ford grantees in developing countries received approximately 80% of the International Division budget. The remaining fifth went to Population, Development Studies, and International Affairs. Although representing a much smaller piece, the International Security and Arms Control program from 1973 was the Foundation's most concerted effort to make meaningful inroads in disarmament and nuclear issues - those challenges most directly linked to the Foundation's historic concern for peace. By 1979, the Ford Foundation was the biggest funder of arms control as a field, both in the U.S. and overseas.

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## Scope and Contents

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Contains reviews of the following programs - Middle East and Africa, International Division, and Developing Country Programs.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in 2 series: 1. William D. Carmichael. 2. Alvin Nelson Puryear.

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Middle East and Africa Review, 1979	box 1
Middle East and Africa Program Review, Oct 8, 1980	box 1
Middle East and Africa -- New York, 1980	box 1

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### Alvin Nelson Puryear

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International Division Program Reviews -- New Delhi, Oct 27, 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Southeast Asia, Oct 30, 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Office of Latin America and the Caribbean -- Budget Documents and Briefing Materials, Oct 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Material re: 1980 Program Review, 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Miscellaneous Program Review Information (1/2), 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Miscellaneous Program Review Information (2/2)	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Mexico and Central America Briefing Materials, Oct 1980	box 1

International Division Program Reviews -- Brazil Program Discussions, Oct 20, 1980	box 1
International Division Program Reviews -- Developing Country Programs Program Review -- Meetings Schedule, 1980	box 1
Developing Country Programs -- Meeting Schedule, 1981	box 1
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