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Biographical / Historical

Ralph Waldo Cummings, Jr. was born on July 20, 1938, to parents Ralph Waldo Cummings, Sr. and Mary Parrish Cummings. He earned an AB with honors in Economics from the University of North Carolina in 1960 and went on to pursue post-graduate study at the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, on a Fulbright Scholarship from 1963-1964. He earned a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1965. His dissertation was titled *The Structure and Functioning of the Indian Wheat Market, with Special Reference to Khanna, Punjab, 1956-1957 through 1963-1964*. After graduating, Cummings started working as a Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois, Urbana, from 1965-1967 and 1969-1970. Cummings also served as a Lecturer in Public and International Affairs in 1976 and a Fellow from 1982-1983 at the Woodrow Wilson School at Yale University.

Cummings held a variety of leadership roles in international aid organizations. He served as Assistant Director of the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) from 1966-1967, Chief of the Agricultural Economics Division of the Office of Agricultural Development for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in India from 1967-1969, Consultant to the Bureau for Near East and South Asia for USAID in 1970, Advisor in Agricultural Economics for the Harvard Advisory Group working with BAPPENAS, the National Development Planning Agency in

Indonesia, from 1970-1972, and served as an Agricultural Economist for The Rockefeller Foundation from 1972-1982. Cummings started working as an Agricultural Economist for the US Agency for International Development in 1982 and held that position for more than 20 years.

Cummings was a member of the International Committee for American Agricultural Economics Association and a member of The Land Advisory Board for Walt Disney World's Epcot. Cummings authored numerous articles and books related to world hunger and agricultural activities in developing nations, including *To Feed This World: The Challenge and the Strategy* with Sterling Wortman, *Policy Planning for Agricultural Development* with S. K. Ray and Robert Herdt, and *From Parastatals to Private Trade: Lessons from Asian Agriculture* with Shahidur Rashid and Ashok Gulati.

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Scope and Contents

The Ralph W. Cummings, Jr. papers consist of published and unpublished manuscripts, reports, photographs, realia, and correspondence related to Cummings' work to eradicate world hunger and spur agricultural activities in developing nations, particularly in his roles as Agricultural Economist with the Rockefeller Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The collection also contains Cummings family papers, including academic files and awards presented to Cummings' father, Ralph W. Cummings, Sr., and clippings and memorials to Cummings' mother, Mary Parrish Cummings.

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Arrangement

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