



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

---

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on July 18, 2019.

Rockefeller Archive Center

15 Dayton Avenue  
Sleepy Hollow 10591

[archive@rockarch.org](mailto:archive@rockarch.org)

URL: <http://www.rockarch.org>

---

## Table of Contents

---

Summary Information .....	3
Biographical / Historical .....	3
Scope and Contents .....	5
Arrangement .....	5
Administrative Information .....	5
Collection Inventory .....	6
Robert H. Edwards Chronological Correspondence .....	6
James R. Himes Subject Files .....	7

---

## Summary Information

---

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Ford Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Ford Foundation records, International Division, Office of the Vice President, Program Files
<b>ID:</b>	FA569
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1965-1970
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.4 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

Information regarding the Rockefeller Archive Center's preferred elements and forms of citation can be found at <http://www.rockarch.org/research/citations.php>

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical / Historical

---

### 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.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical / Historical

---

### Segment 2. Period Summary - The Expansion Era 1950-1965

With the ever-increasing budget and trustee willingness to invade capital, presidents Hoffman, Gaither and Heald oversaw vast growth in the Foundation's international activities in the United States, other developed countries and developing countries. Activities crossed disciplines, institutions, and national boundaries, although few crossed intra-foundation boundaries. Under the three presidents, Foundation staff in various domestic and international offices from New York interacted with the regional and country offices headed by representatives. Usually in this period, however, these offices in fact worked more closely with local governments than with New York staff, reinforcing the commitment to locally led social and economic development in less-developed countries.

The shared values of this early period reflected as much the continuing competition between the Communist and capitalist worlds as the concerns about maintaining peace. The Cold War provided the contextual continuity for grantmaking on the core themes of increasing American understanding of the rest of the world, building and strengthening connections not only with European and Asian democracies but also with Eastern European countries, the Soviet Union, China, and Cuba.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical / Historical

---

### 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.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Scope and Contents

---

Correspondence and subject files.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Arrangement

---

Arranged in 2 series: 1. Robert H. Edwards Chronological Correspondence. 2. James R. Himes Subject Files.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Publication Statement

Rockefeller Archive Center

15 Dayton Avenue

Sleepy Hollow 10591

[archive@rockarch.org](mailto:archive@rockarch.org)

URL: <http://www.rockarch.org>

## Conditions Governing Use note

Completion of a use agreement is required prior to providing scholarly access. See RAC Head of Reference (or applicable designee) for details. Ford Foundation holds title, copyright and literary rights in the collection, in so far as it holds them. The Rockefeller Archive Center has authority to grant permission to cite and publish material from the collection for scholarly purposes. Permission to publish extensive excerpts, or material in its entirety, will be referred to the Ford Foundation.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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.

## 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.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

## Collection Inventory

Robert H. Edwards Chronological Correspondence, 1965-1968	
Title/Description	Instances
Chronological Correspondence, Sep 15-Dec 31, 1965	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Jan-Apr 1966	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, May-Aug 1966	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Sep-Dec 1966	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Jan-Mar 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Apr 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, May 1967	box 1

Chronological Correspondence, Jun 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Jul 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Aug 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Sep 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Oct 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Nov 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Dec 1967	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Jan 1968	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Feb 1968	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, Mar 1968	box 1

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

## James R. Himes Subject Files, 1968-1970

Title/Description	Instances
Resource Base Committee, 1968	box 1
House Committee (Burke), 1968	box 1
Pending File, May 21, 1969	box 1
Notes on Research in Education, 1970	box 1
Tax Law Jazz, 1970	box 1
Evaluation of Overseas Development Assistance, 1969	box 1
Overseas Schools, 1969	box 1
PRI, 1969	box 1
Budget Folder, 1969	box 1
UK Resource Bases for Development Trip, Nov 27-Dec 16, 1967	box 1
Tax Information, 1969	box 1
Black Studies, 1969	box 1

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)