



Ford Foundation records, Asia Programs, Subject Files of Peter F. Geithner

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Summary Information

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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 aspiration#al 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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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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Subject Files: Vietnam, 1991-1994	box 1
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UN Mission, 1991	box 1
Upland Management, 1992	box 1
Upland Management/Upland Development -- World Neighbors, 1992-1995	box 1
Upland Management/Upland Development -- University of Cantho, 1991	box 1
Upland Management/Upland Development -- Suan, 1991	box 1
Upland Management/Upland Development -- Ministry of Forestry, 1992	box 1
Upland Management/Upland Development -- FAO, 1992	box 1
Upland Management -- Winrock International (1/3), 1993-1995	box 1
Upland Management -- Winrock International (2/3), 1992-1994	box 1
Upland Management -- Winrock International (3/3), 1992	box 1
US NGO Forums, 1992	box 1
Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA), 1993	box 1
Women's Studies, 1993	box 1