Ford Foundation records, Executive Officer Subject Files, Verne S. Atwater

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Verne S. Atwater joined the Ford Foundation as the first director of administration in 1956, and held several positions in his 12 years with the Foundation. In 1962, he became the representative for Argentina and Chile in Buenos Aires and then was promoted to director of the Latin America and Caribbean program. He was elected vice president in 1966, and he held administrative responsibility for the construction of the Ford Foundation's new headquarters building. When the building was completed in 1968, Atwater returned to his career in education and finance. He is a co-author of the book A Memoir of The Ford Foundation: The Early Years, 1936-1938.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of the Executive Officer Subject Files of Verne S. Atwater, including correspondence, reports, financial statements, and meeting minutes related to the Ford Foundation's administrative activities, organizational structure, and new building project. The collection also houses reports and correspondence concerning the Satellite Project, a Ford Foundation initiative to build a satellite to broadcast educational television programs.

The collection also contains technical memoranda, notes, and reports regarding the improvement of the Ford Foundation's information system from 1966 to 1968.

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Arrangement

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- Ford Foundation Administration
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