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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Douglas Ensminger served as Representative of the Ford Foundation in India from 1952-1970, and formally retired from the Foundation on December 16, 1970 to accept an appointment as professor of rural sociology at University of Missouri. At the time of his retirement, according to Ensminger, he was asked by the Trustees to record his reminiscences of his work and the Foundation's programs in India. He dictated his reminiscences about his time in India while in Columbia, working with two assistants paid for by the Foundation. He worked on the project between 1971 and 1973, which coincided with the Foundation's own oral history project. Although Ensminger did not formally participate in the oral history project, he did consult with Charles Morrissey and Ron Grele, the oral history project staff, and he did execute an agreement with the Foundation regarding rights to his material.

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