Register of the Philip Hall Coombs papers

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Related Collections  
International Institute for Educational Planning records, Hoover Institution Archives  
1915 Born, Holyoke, Massachusetts  
1937 Graduated from Amherst College  
1939-1941 Taught economics at Williams College  
1941-1943 Economist, United States Office of Price Administration  
Circa 1943 Served in the Office of Strategic Services during World War II  
1945-1946 Economic Advisor, Office of Economic Stabilization  
1947-1949 Professor of Economics, Amherst College  
1950-1952 Executive Director, International Materials Policy Commission (Paley Commission)  
1952-1960 Director of Research, Fund for the Advancement of Education, and Program Director for Education, Ford Foundation  
1961-1962 United States Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State  
1963 Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations  
1963-1968 Director, International Institute for Educational Planning, Paris  
1964 Author, The Fourth Dimension of Foreign Policy: Educational and Cultural Affairs  
1965 Co-author, Education and Foreign Aid  
1968 Author, The World Educational Crisis: A Systems Analysis  
1969 Director of Research, International Institute for Educational Planning, United States  
1970-1992 Served as vice chairman and chairman of the International Council of Economic Development  
1972 Co-author, Managing Educational Costs  
1973 Co-author, New Paths to Learning for Rural Children and Youth  
1975 Co-author, Education for Rural Development: Case Studies for Planners  
1980 Author, Meeting the Basic Needs of the Rural Poor: The Integrated Community-Based Approach  
1985 Author, The World Crisis in Education: The View from the Eighties  
1987 Co-author, Cost Analysis in Education: A Tool for Policy and Planning  
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Scope and Content of Collection
The Philip Hall Coombs papers include speeches and writings, correspondence, and printed matter related to international education and education in developing countries.

Philip H. Coombs was an American educator who served with organizations such as the Ford Foundation, the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), and the International Council of Economic Development. In 1961, President Kennedy appointed Coombs to the position of United States Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. The papers includes Speeches and Writings Coombs wrote while in this role, as well as writings from throughout his career related to topics in education, including non-formal and rural education.

The Subject File includes correspondence and reports documenting Coombs's work related to non-formal education in Bangladesh. Also included are proceedings and reports of the International Conference on the World Crisis in Education.

The collection includes Printed Matter related to education and clippings about Coombs.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
- International Institute for Educational Planning.
- United States. Department of State.
- Education--Developing countries.
- Educational assistance, American.
- International education.

### Speeches and Writings 1958-1976

Scope and Contents note
Includes typescripts and printed copies of speeches and writings related to education, as well as correspondence and notes. Includes speeches and articles written while Coombs served as the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Arranged chronologically.

#### Box/Folder 1: 1
"Basic Education for Meeting Basic Human Needs of the Rural Poor," typescript undated

#### Box/Folder 1: 2
"Can Communication Satellites Overcome Crippling Educational Deficits in the Poorest Nations?" typescript undated

#### Box/Folder 1: 3
"A Fresh Look at the World Educational Crisis," typescript undated

#### Box/Folder 1: 4
"Opportunities for New Collaboration on Rural Education and Development by International Agencies," typescript undated

#### Box/Folder 1: 5
"Organizational Strategies for Implementing the New Goals of Rural Development," typescript undated

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#### Box/Folder 1: 7
"How the Ford Fund Makes a Grant," printed copy 1960

#### Box/Folder 1: 8

Speeches and articles as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs 1961-1962

#### Printed copies 1961-1962

#### Typescripts 1961-1962

#### Council on Foreign Relations 1962-1967

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence, memoranda, notes, and printed matter for a book related to the Council on Foreign Relations, possibly The Fourth Dimension of Foreign Policy: Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Subject File 1952-1975

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence, reports, notes, conference proceedings, and printed matter. Includes materials related to education in Bangladesh and the International Conference on the World Crisis in Education. Arranged alphabetically.

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Printed Matter 1956-1983
Scope and Contents note
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Scope and Contents note

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