

# Franklin Book Programs:

## A Preliminary Inventory of Its Records at the Harry Ransom Center

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## Biographical Sketch

Franklin Book Programs was created as a nonprofit corporation in New York in 1952, principally for the purpose of making American books available in the languages of developing countries: books about American history, culture, technology, and science as well as poetry and fiction. The project, initiated in 1951 by Verner Clapp, Assistant Librarian of Congress, was funded by numerous public and private corporations. From the program's inception there was close involvement with the U.S. publishing industry. The Franklin Book Program was also guided by librarians, professors, and other civic minded individuals. Certain unique factors aided in the development of this program: small fees for translation rights, free consultation services and office space, and selection of books by local advisers in each country.

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### For further information, see:

Mitgang, Herbert. "Poor countries Helped With Books," *New York Times*, June 25, 1978  
Smith, Datus C., Jr. "Books for Developing Countries: The Franklin Book Program,"  
*The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, Summer 1983.

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## Related Material

Related materials are held by Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, and the Library of Congress.

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**Correspondence**

From Beirut, Lebanon

#1-753, Feb. 1957-May 1962

**Container 1**

To Beirut, Lebanon

#1-695, Feb. 1957-Sept. 1960

**Container 1**

#696-1450, Oct. 1960-June 1964

#1451-2113, 1964-1968

To Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#1-759, July 1959-Aug. 1965

**Container 2**

#763-1109, Aug. 1965-June 1968

From Beirut, Lebanon

#754-1459, June 1962-April 1968

**Container 2**

#1459-1568, April 1968-Mar. 1972

To Beirut, Lebanon

#2115-2212, Sept. 1968-Feb. 1972

**Container 2**

From Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#1-758/47, July 1959-June 1968

**Container 3**

To Baghdad, Iraq

#1-868, Mar. 1957-Feb. 1962

**Container 3**

#869-1665, Mar. 1962-Nov. 1965

#1666-1922, Dec. 1965-April 26, 1971

To Lahore, Pakistan

#1-772, Jan. 1957-Sept. 1961

**Container 4**

From Baghdad, Iraq

#1-772, Mar. 1957-Sept. 1962

**Container 4**

#773-1601, Oct. 1961-July 1965

To Lahore, Pakistan

#602-1465, June 1957-May 1961

**Container 5**

#1466-2260, June 1961-Sept. 1964

From Baghdad, Iraq

#703-1849, Aug. 1965-Sept. 1968

**Container 5**

From Lahore, Pakistan

#1-466, April 1954-Dec. 1957

**Container 6**

To Lahore, Pakistan

#2261-3016, Oct. 1964-Jan. 1968

**Container 6**

#3017-3685, Feb. 1968-Sept. 1972

To Lahore, Pakistan

#467-1023, Jan. 1957-July 1960

**Container 7**

#1024-1538, Aug. 1960-Dec. 1962

#1539-2031, Jan. 1963-Mar. 1965

From Lahore, Pakistan

#2421-2847, Jan. 1967-July 1968

**Container 8**

#2848-3263, Aug. 1968-Mar. 1978

#3269-3643, Apr. 1970-Sept. 1972

To Lagos, Nigeria

#1-521, Dec. 1964-Sept. 1966

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From Lagos, Nigeria

#239-558, Aug. 1965-May 1967

**Container 9**

From Lahore, Pakistan

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#1-238 and unnumbered, Jan. 1964-July 1965	<b>Container 10</b>
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To Kampala, Uganda	
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Feb. 1966-Aug. 1967, unnumbered	<b>Container 11</b>
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From Kadona, Nigeria	
#1-107, Dec. 1964-Apr. 1968	<b>Container 11</b>
To Enugu, Nigeria	
#1-427 and unnumbered, Apr. 1964-Feb. 1968	<b>Container 12</b>
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#1-322, May 1964-Sept. 1967	<b>Container 12</b>
To Nairobi, Kenya	
#1-272, and unnumbered, July 1965-Jan. 1968	<b>Container 12</b>
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#1-144, and unnumbered, Aug. 1965-July 1967

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To Buenos Aires, Argentina

#1-154, Mar. 1964-Dec. 1964

**Container 13**

From Buenos Aires, Argentina

#1-197, Mar. 1964-Dec. 1964

**Container 13**

To Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Franklin

#1-366, Jan. 1965-Dec. 1967

**Container 13**

From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Franklin

#1-235, Dec. 1964-Oct. 1967

**Container 13**

To Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Centro do Bibliotecnica do IPES

Mar. 1965-Dec. 1968

**Container 14**

From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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**Container 14**

To Buenos Aires, Argentina

#356-512, Jan. 1966-Dec. 1966

**Container 14**

From Buenos Aires, Argentina

#116-644, Jan. 1966-Dec. 1966

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#513-647, Jan. 1967-Dec. 1968

#646-948, Jan. 1967-Dec. 1968

To Kabul, Afghanistan

#1-713, Jan. 1964-Sept. 1968

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From Kabul, Afghanistan

#1-443, Feb. 1964-June 1969

**Container 15**

#445-700, July 1969-Apr. 1975

To and From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Franklin

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**Container 15**

To Kabul, Afghanistan

#714-1043, Sept. 1968-June 1975

**Container 16**

To Dacca, Bangladesh

#2675-3338, Jan. 1968-May 1973

**Container 16**

To Sao Paulo, Brazil

#1/67 117/72-CBD/62-IRSZ 367, Sept. 1967-Mar. 1972

**Container 16**

From Sao Paulo, Brazil

Aug. 1966-June 1969

**Container 16**

To Dacca, Bangladesh

#1-1037, May 1955-Nov. 1959

**Container 17**

#1038-1960, Dec 1959-July 1964

#1961-2674, Aug. 1964-Dec. 1967

From Dacca, Bangladesh

#1-819, July 1955-Sept. 1958

**Container 18**

#820-1321, Oct. 1958-Dec. 1960

To Dacca, Bangladesh

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**Container 18**

From Dacca, Bangladesh

#1322-1764, Jan. 1961-Aug. 1963

**Container 19**

#2783-3252, July 1969-Aug. 1973

#3136-3659, Jan. 1973-June 1978

From Dacca, Bangladesh

#1765-2323, Sept. 1963-June 1966

**Container 20**

#2324-2782, July 1966-June 1969

To Djakarta, Indonesia

#5492-4894, July 1969-June 1971

**Container 21**

From Djakarta, Indonesia

#32-896, Nov. 1955-May 1958

**Container 21**

#899-1903, June 1958-Oct. 1960

From Djakarta, Indonesia

#1904-2624, Nov. 1960-May 1962

**Container 22**

#2625-3455, June 1962-Dec. 1964

#3456-4167, Jan. 1965-May 1967

From Djakarta, Indonesia

#4169-4470, June 1967-March 1969

**Container 23**

#4471-4781, March 1969-Dec. 1970

#4782-5170, Jan. 1971-Sept. 1972

To Malina, Philippines

#1-125, Sept. 1976-Feb. 1978

**Container 23**

To Cairo, Egypt

#1-472, March 1953-Dec. 1955

**Container 24**

#473-1462, Jan. 1956-May 1958

#1463-2457, May 1958-Sept. 1960

To Islamabad, Pakistan

#1-209, Nov. 1971-June 1974

**Container 24**

From Islamabad, Pakistan

#1-151, Oct. 1971-June 1974

**Container 24**

To Cairo, Egypt

#2458-3355, Sept. 1960-April 1962

**Container 25**

#3356-4441, April 1962-Sept. 1964

#4442-5381, Sept. 1964-Aug. 1966

From Cairo, Egypt

#969-1909, May 1957-May, 1960

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To Cairo, Egypt

#5382-5977, Aug. 1966-March 1969

**Container 26**

#5979-6872, April 1969-Jan. 1974

From Cairo, Egypt

#1-479, June 1953-May 1955

**Container 27**

#480-967, May 1955-April 1957

To Cairo, Egypt

#6873-7452, Feb. 1974-June 1978

**Container 27**

From Cairo, Egypt

#2714-3456, Jan. 1961-Aug. 1963

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#3457-4383, Aug. 1963-Aug. 1965

#4384-5221, Aug. 1965-March 1969

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#1910-2707, May 1960-Dec. 1961

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From Tabriz, Iran

#1-362, Nov. 1959-Sept. 1968

**Container 29**

To Tabriz, Iran

#1-531, Nov. 1959-Sept. 1968

**Container 29**

From Cairo, Egypt

#5257-6126, July, 1969-April 1975

**Container 30**

#6129, April 1975-June 1978

To Singapore/Bob Sheeks

#1-22, Feb. 1972-March 1973

**Container 30**

From Singapore/Bob Sheeks

March 1972-Feb. 1973, RBS 1/72-28/73

**Container 30**

To Djakarta, Indonesia

#61-1174, Jan. 1956-Feb. 1959

**Container 31**

#1175-3213, March 1959-Dec. 1961

#3214-4100, Jan. 1962-Feb. 1964

To Tehran, Iran

#657-1490, Oct. 1956-July 1958

**Container 32**

#1491-2420, Aug. 1958-Feb. 1960

#2421-3198, March 1960-June 1961

To Tehran, Iran

#1-656, Dec. 1953-Sept. 1956

**Container 33**

#4759-5571, Sept. 1964-July 1966

#5572-6650, Aug. 1966-Oct. 1968

To Tehran, Iran

#1-451, March 1954-Dec. 1956

**Container 34**

#3199-3834, July 1961-Sept. 1962

#3915-4758, Jan. 1963-Aug. 1964

#8383-9100, March 1974-Feb. 1978

From Tehran, Iran

#2287-2864, Jan. 1962-Dec. 1963

**Container 35**

To Tehran, Iran

#6651-7499, Nov. 1968-Dec. 1970

**Container 35**

#5700-8382, Jan. 1971-Feb 1974

From Tehran, Iran

#453-1001, Dec. 1956-Nov. 1958

**Container 36**

#1002-1681, Nov. 1958-July 1960

#1682-2286, July 1960-Dec. 1961

From Tehran, Iran

#2865-3500, Dec. 1963-Sept. 1965

**Container 37**

#3501-4128, Sept. 1965-May 1967

#4669-5055, Oct. 1968-March 1970

From Tehran, Iran

#4129-4668, May 1967-Sept. 1968

**Container 38**

#6150-6718, March 1974-Feb. 1978

To and From Dariush, Homayoun

1965-1967

**Container 38**

From Tehran, Iran

#5057-5346, April 1970-Dec. 1970

**Container 39**

#5347-5589A, Jan. 1971-Dec. 1971

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