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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.

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.

Scope and Contents

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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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