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DATES: 1975-2011

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COLLECTION CREATOR: Van Dusen, Ann (1945-)

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RELATED MATERIALS:

- Related materials at AU Archives & Special Collections include other collections donated by members of the USAID Alumni Association (UAA).
- Additionally, the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training provides access to their Oral History Collection with UAA members. [<https://adst.org/oral-history/>]

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Ann Van Dusen (1945 -) graduated from Wellesley College in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in political science, she earned her M.A. in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in 1969 and completed her doctorate in Social Relations at Johns Hopkins University in 1973. Van Dusen held leadership roles at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) throughout her 20-year career at the agency between 1976 and 2001. She retired from USAID in 2001 after having served as a senior career officer in both central and regional offices of the organization. Over the years she held leadership positions in the Bureau of Policy and Program Coordination, the Asia and the Near East Bureau, the Global Program Bureau, and the Science & Technology Bureau's Office of Health. Notably, she contributed to the expansion of the S&T Office of Health's visibility, program portfolio, and staffing in response to the child survival movement and HIV/AIDS crisis. During Van Dusen's tenure as Acting Director of S&T Office of Health, the Office's long supported malaria vaccine research project was subject to a General Accounting Office (GAO) review and audit, and the program director was investigated for sexual harassment and financial fraud. Van Dusen was involved as a manager in working with the GAO and the Office of the Inspector General, and in implementing suggestions from the final GAO report.

Van Dusen received both the Distinguished Career Service and Meritorious Presidential Rank Awards for her work at USAID in 2001. After her retirement, Dr. Van Dusen worked in the private sector in various roles including as Chief Operating Officer of Save the Children between 2001 and 2004, and as an adjunct professor at both Johns Hopkins' SAIS and at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. In 2010, as an Associate Professor at Georgetown, Van Dusen designed the Masters in Global Human Development program for students interested in the field. She served as the program director until 2015.

Timeline of Dr. Ann Van Dusen's USAID Career

- 1976-1978 – Near-East Bureau, Social Science Analyst
- 1978-1983 – Policy Planning and Coordination (PPC) Bureau, Human Resource Division
- 1983-1992 – Science & Technology (S&T) Bureau, Office of Health, Deputy Director, Acting Director, and Director
- 1992-1997 – Global Programs Bureau, Acting Assistant Administrator and Deputy Assistant Administrator
- 1997-1999 – Asia/Near East Bureau, Deputy Assistant Administrator
- 1999-2001 – Policy Planning and Coordination Bureau (PPC), Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection documents Dr. Ann Van Dusen's career at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) between 1976 and 2001. Materials relate to Van Dusen's various leadership positions within USAID bureaus and offices and document her role during several significant events in the Agency's history. The collection also contains reports, papers, and publications on global development collected by Van Dusen and several USAID history publications.

The collection contains a significant amount of reports, correspondence, memoranda, and notes documenting the General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation of the Science & Technology Bureau Office of Health's malaria vaccine research project and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation of the project director. Additionally, the collection includes materials related to the short-lived organization of the International Development Cooperation Agency (IDCA) over USAID, and it documents internal support for the Agency's population programs which were threatened in the 1980s. Also present are meeting minutes and email correspondence related to inter-agency communication. Some significant topics represented in the collection include management activities and government bureaucracy, fraud investigations, government funds and allocations, various global health and development issues, and U.S. support and humanitarian aid programs. The materials in the collection are textual and include inter-office communications and memoranda, correspondence, reports, budget planning documents, notes, meeting minutes, clippings, case studies, publications and books.

ARRANGEMENT:

The collection is arranged in three series:

- Series 1. Malaria Vaccine Research Project Review and Investigation, 1984-1990
- Series 2. Global Health and Development Policy Files, 1975-2011
- Series 3. Administrative Meeting Notes and Reports Files, 1982-1999

COLLECTION ORGANIZATION

Series 1: Malaria Vaccine Research Project Review and Investigation, 1984-1990

Series 1 Scope and Content Note

The Malaria Vaccine Research Project Review and Investigation series (1984-1990) documents the project within the USAID Science & Technology (S&T) Bureau Office of Health, its review by the General Accounting Office (GAO), and the Office of the Inspector General's investigation of the malaria vaccine project director for criminal fraud. The series also documents Van Dusen's role as a manager during the GAO review and OIG investigation and the accusations of sexual harassment against the malaria vaccine project director, Dr. Jim Erickson. A portion of the series documents the early growth and development of the malaria vaccine project.

Documentation in this series was created by or collected by Dr. Ann Van Dusen in her role as Acting Director and in subsequent leadership positions within the Office during the GAO review and during the OIG investigation. Materials in the series include USAID unclassified reports, a copy of the GAO report and notes, budget requests, contract and partnerships details, audit information, correspondence regarding the review, correspondence between Dr. Jim Erickson and Dr. Ann Van Dusen, other office correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, office notes, FOIA information, a subpoena, and press releases and announcements regarding the GAO report and USAID plans for the malaria vaccine program. Also present are newspaper and magazine clippings documenting the review of the malaria vaccine research program and documenting the investigation and indictment of Dr. Jim Erickson.

The series is arranged chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Program Funding Memorandum and Correspondence	1984
1	2	Program Management Concerns Correspondence, Research Plans	1985-1986
1	3	Correspondence, Project Meeting Minutes, Funding Proposals	1986
1	4	Malaria Vaccine Program Report, Funding Requests and Correspondence	1986
1	5	Malaria Program Management and Funding Correspondence, Erickson, Van Dusen, AIBS	1987 March-July
1	6	Malaria Program Funding Pipeline, Review Meeting Agenda, and AIBS Staff	1987
1	7	Erickson Sexual Harassment and Fraud Investigations, Correspondence and Documentation	1987
1	8	Van Dusen Subpoena, Correspondence, Background, and Notes	1988 June – September
1	9	Anonymous Memorandum Sent to Bissell and Related Correspondence	1988 October
1	10	Third-Party Report: An Evaluation of USAID Project – Malaria Vaccine Research	1989 January-February
1	11	USAID Anonymous Employee Letter to a Congressman	1989 March
1	12	Background Information for GAO Review of Malaria Program, Copies, Drafts, Notes	1989 April
2	1	Malaria Vaccine Program FY 1989 Plans, Post GAO Review and Background	1989 April
2	2	Malaria Vaccine Project Paper and Review Correspondence	1989 April-June
2	3	General Council FOIA Request for Documents Related to Malaria Vaccine Project	1989 July
2	4	GAO Draft Report with Van Dusen’s Notes	1989 August
2	5	Malaria Vaccine Project Activities – Field Trials and Primate Management	1989 June-September
2	6	USAID Response to GAO Report, AIBS Audit	1989 September
2	7	Indictment of Malaria Subcontractors at University of Hawaii	1989 September
2	8	Erickson Indictment and Announcement	1989 October

2	9	GAO Report Announcement and Recommendations and USAID Comments	1989 October-November
2	10	News Clippings and Articles Related to Erickson Scandal and Program Review	1988-1990

Series 2: Global Health and Development Policy Files, circa 1975-2011

Series 2 Scope and Content Note

The Global Health and Development Policy Files series (circa 1975-2011) includes materials spanning several roles held by Van Dusen at USAID between 1975 and 2000. Materials include documentation regarding the organization of the International Development Cooperation Agency (IDCA) over USAID and their initiatives, internal documentation collected supporting USAID’s population programs during the beginning of the Reagan Administration when funding was challenged, and general global development reports, presentations, policies and papers, and publications. The series also includes two USAID anniversary publications. Materials are arranged by topic and chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
2	11	Collected Internal Documentation Supporting Population Programs (folder 1 of 3)	1980-1982
2	12	Collected Internal Documentation Supporting Population Programs (folder 2 of 3)	1980-1982
2	13	Collected Internal Documentation Supporting Population Programs (folder 3 of 3)	1980-1982
2	14	IDCA and USAID Organization and Initiatives	1980
2	15	IDCA Population Initiative, Paper and Response	1980
3	1	Strategy Development Working Paper on International Health Foreign Policy (folder 1 of 2)	undated
3	2	Strategy Development Working Paper on International Health Foreign Policy (folder 2 of 2)	undated
3	2	Development Policy Publications and Reports	circa 1975-2000
3	3	“The Nemow Case” International Programs Working Papers	1979 September
3	4	“Global Future: Time to Act” Report	1981 January
3	5	Presentations, Topics in Development Progress in Foreign Countries	1975-1995
3	6	USAID Evaluation Special Study No. 79: Gaining Ground World Well-Being 1950-95	1998 June
3	7	USAID Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination Staff Discussion Paper: “The Development Record and the Forgiveness of Foreign Aid”	1998 June
3	8	U.S. State Department – “Resources for American Values” on Funding for International Affairs	1999
3	9	Global Reporting Initiative “Sustainability Reporting Guidelines...”	2000 June

3	10	“The Global 2000 Report to the President: Entering the Twenty-First Century”	2000
3	11	“The Role of Migrant Care Workers in Aging Societies” Research Report	2009
3	12	“USAID: 50 Years of Global Health Saving Lives and Building Futures” [Book]	2011
3	13	“Fifty Years in USAID: Stories from the Front Lines” [Book]	2011

Series 3: Administrative Meeting Notes and Reports Files, 1982-1999

Series 3 Scope and Content Note

The Administrative Meeting Notes and Reports Files series (1982-1999) spans several of Dr. Van Dusen’s positions at USAID and includes collected meeting notes, emails, and minutes sent by Van Dusen and others in leadership positions to USAID staff reporting on the senior leadership meetings and discussion outcomes. The series also includes administrative correspondence regarding communication flow. A large portion of the meeting minutes and emails in the series is related to Van Dusen’s attendance of daily 8:15 senior staff meetings during her tenure in the newly created Global Programs Bureau in the mid and late 1990s. The email correspondence in the series documents the appreciation of staff who received the meeting notes and the connection and morale boost they offered. The series is arranged chronologically.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
4	1	Revisions to Paper Flow to Administrator	1982 December – 1983 January
4	2	Email Correspondence: Cancellation of 8:15 Meeting Reports	1994 February
4	3	Email – Senior Staff Notes and Meeting Minutes	1994 November – 1995 January
4	4	Meeting Notes and Reports	1995 February – May
4	5	Meeting Notes and Reports	1998 March – 1999 February