



**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

*Hotel Continental, Bogota*

*September 14, 1952*

*Dear Criss,*

*Here are just a few lines to keep you up to date on our activities. Unfortunately, mine are reduced to nothing, being in bed with a fever.*

*You will have learned that after consultation with Mexico, Broches, Torp, Grayson and I left Bogota on the 7th, turning our steps in the direction of Medellin. We have not yet heard about the disturbances there. In working with Mexico, we continued on the 11th, arriving in Bogota in the afternoon.*

*On the 6th when the officers of the*

*Comandante and the*

*and Elias Restrepo,*

*can be read, in 1952,*

*a potential situation,*

*in 1952,*

*in 1952,*

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*in 1952,*

*in 1952,*

# OPEN ARCHIVES

ACCESSING THE HOLDINGS OF THE  
WORLD BANK GROUP ARCHIVES

# The World Bank Group Archives

The World Bank Group (WBG) Archives preserves over 215,000 feet of records created or received by the World Bank Group since its establishment in 1944, making it one of the largest collections of development-related records in the world. The Archives protects the institutional memory of the World Bank Group and provides public access to records of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA).

The WBG Archives also offers access to a variety of online historical resources and information products that may support your research.

If you have a question about the World Bank Group's work or would like to know more about a specific development topic, we invite you to explore our multiple research avenues, then contact an archivist to request the necessary records.



# Start your research

## CLARIFY YOUR RESEARCH GOALS

### Documents & Reports

The Documents & Reports database provides access to publicly available World Bank Group reports dating from 1946 through the present. This curated collection can be a good place to answer your research questions or to gain information used to guide your access to information request. Access the site at <http://documents.worldbank.org>.

### Web Archives

The Web Archives captures external World Bank Group websites, from 1998 to the present, with historical or research value. To search the Web Archives, visit <http://www.worldbank.org/webarchives>.

### Past Presidents' Speeches

Identify turning points in the Bank's history by searching, browsing, and listening to clips of past World Bank Group presidents' speeches: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/archives/history/PresidentsSpeeches>.



### World Bank Group History: Exploring the Archives

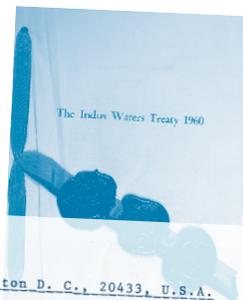
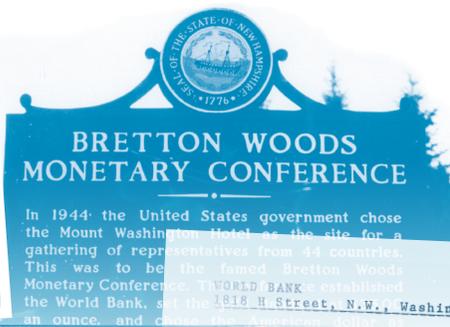
In collaboration with the Development Economics Vice Presidency (DECVP), the WBG Archives produced a short video that surveys World Bank Group history while introducing the various types of records that can be found in the Archives' holdings. View the video at [www.worldbank.org/archives-video](http://www.worldbank.org/archives-video).

# Advance your research

## EXPLORE YOUR TOPIC OF INTEREST IN DE

### Deepen your Knowledge of the World Bank Group

The WBG Archives' holdings consist of a variety of media such as textual records, photographs, maps, film and video, and audio records. Textual records include operational correspondence documenting the World Bank Group's lending operations and relationships with member countries, as well as records relating to economic and sector studies, operations policy development, public relations, and governance.



## Explore Historical Records

Descriptions of the World Bank Group's archival holdings enable researchers to learn about historical records and their organizational context. An ever-increasing number of digitized declassified records are also accessible to researchers at <http://archivesholdings.worldbank.org>.

## Search the Archives by "Fonds"

The holdings of the WBG Archives are arranged into groupings called fonds, which reflect the office, function, or individual responsible for creating and collecting them. A list of fonds with links to their descriptions is available at <http://archivesholdings.worldbank.org/list-of-fonds>.

## Research Projects through the Projects & Operations Portal

The Projects and Operations Portal contains information on World Bank Group projects implemented around the globe. To access project records, go to <http://www.worldbank.org/projects> and search for projects by country and sector. The "Archival Records" section of the "Documents" tab on each project page lists folder titles of publicly available archival records and links to digitized folders when available. A "Photo Gallery" tab provides access to project-related photos.

# Request records

## CONSULT WITH AN ARCHIVIST

### Submit a Request

Access to IBRD and IDA records held by the WBG Archives is governed by the World Bank Policy on Access to Information.

Requests for information may be submitted via the Access to Information request form at <http://www.worldbank.org/wbaccess>. Inquiries will be acknowledged in order of receipt within 24 hours, with a more comprehensive response provided within 20 business days. Additional time may be needed when declassification review or consultations with internal World Bank Group units, external parties, the Access to Information Committee, or the Board of Executive Directors are required.

### Visit the Archives

Records that are only available in hard copy may be reviewed in the Archives Reading Room in Washington D.C. Research hours are Monday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment.



## Oral History Program

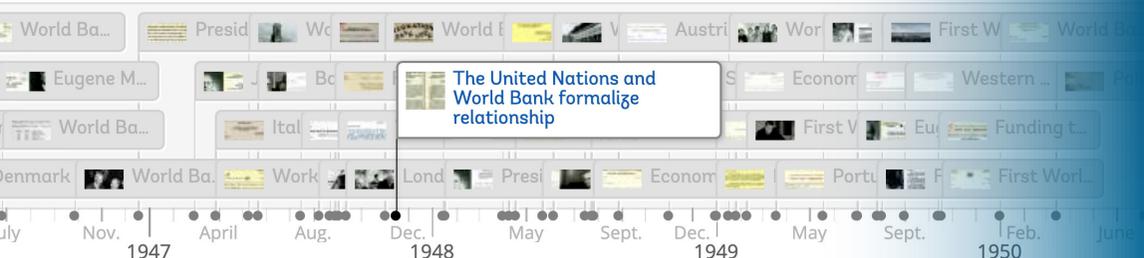
Transcripts and summaries of interviews conducted since 1961 provide a historical perspective that complements the World Bank Group's archival holdings. View transcripts and listen to audio clips that capture firsthand accounts of key events in the World Bank Group's history at <http://oralhistory.worldbank.org>.

## Historical Photographic Collection

The Archives preserves thousands of photographs documenting historical Bank projects, events, and personalities. The online Historical Photographic Collection makes an ever-growing number of these images available for download. Visit <https://archivesphotos.worldbank.org>.

## World Bank Group Historical Timeline

The site includes a "Key Events" timeline and several "sub-timelines" on other Bank-related topics. Each timeline event is illuminated by a variety of resources, including archival records, photographs, audio/video clips, reports, and more. Explore the timeline at <http://timeline.worldbank.org>.



*April 1st:*

*spent at the Globally Report Plaza,  
and... all the  
republic... LB's amazing announcement  
again.  
at the office by 8.45 but it was Panama had  
preceded me by 40 mins!*

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*at 9.10 he rang me to ask me to come  
to President's Council meeting at 9.30 &  
be a permanent member. v. flattered & pleased  
at the meeting he was very friendly to us  
asked you a new boy who needs to learn.  
He's v. willing to learn but has pretty decided  
view on group around his little small: old world,*

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