The Ford Foundation Grant to the Association

On January 19, 1961, the African Studies Association was notified that the Ford Foundation had approved a grant to it of \$100,000 for general support of its activities over a period of five years. This supplemented an earlier grant of \$25,000 in support of the activities of the Association.

Approximately 60% of the grant funds will be used to expand the operations of the Association's special committees on languages and linguistics, research, and libraries, and such other committees as may be needed. The remainder of the grant will be used for travel, conferences, administrative expenses, and other costs incurred by the Association.

On behalf of the membership, the Officers and Board of Directors would like to express their sincere appreciation to The Ford Foundation for this generous support of the activities of the Association.

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Announcement of 1961 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association will take place in 1961 in New York City from October 20-22, 1961, at the Roosevelt Hotel. The meeting is being held on these dates so as to precede directly the Biennial Conference of the National Commission of UNESCO which will be held in Boston from October 23-26. It was the thought of the Board that many of the Fellows and Associates of the African Studies Association would wish to attend this UNESCO Conference to which quite a number of African leaders will be invited.

Later issues of the <u>Bulletin</u> will carry a tentative program and reservation forms for accommodations at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

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TRAVEL AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Ford Foundation Foreign Area Training Fellowships have been granted to the following students for 1960-61:

Austen, Ralph A. Graduate student, University of California, Berkeley.
History. Program of African studies and graduate study in history. Harvard and Boston Universities. Nine months.

Baldwin, Robert E. Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles.

Economics. Study of the impact of export development on the economy of Northern Rhodesia. New York, England, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Twelve months.

Ballard, John A. Graduate student, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
International Relations. Study of the development of political parties in French Equatorial Africa. France and
French Equatorial Africa. Fifteen months.