

Two major grants amounting to \$1,000,000 by The Ford Foundation to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the support of research in the newly established Center for International Studies were announced last night by President James R. Killian, Jr.

"The development of the Center for International Studies, and arrangements with The Ford Foundation for its generous and pioneering support," President Killian said, "have been handled for the Institute under the sound and imaginative guidance of Dr. Julius A. Stratton, Provost, and of Dr. Max F. Millikan, Professor of Economics, who is Director of the Center. The creation of the Center marks an increased attention at M.I.T. to the economic and social implications of science and technology both at home and abroad.

"The program of the Center is interdepartmental in character. It affords opportunities for research to the Departments of Economics and Social Science and of English and History, and touches at many points upon the individual interests of Faculty members in the several Schools of the Institute. Studies undertaken since the beginning of the program have been of basic academic interest and

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in large part directly related to important problems facing the country."

The Center has drawn principally upon the resources of M.I.T. and the academic community of Metropolitan Boston, but it hopes to engage the interest of experts from a wider area and to coordinate its work with other institutions conducting parallel programs.

The grants were made by The Ford Foundation under a mandate of its Trustees to support, as part of its over-all program, "scientific activities designed to increase knowledge of factors which influence or determine human conduct, and to extend such knowledge for the maximum benefit of individuals and of society."

The funds will enable the Center for International Studies to undertake two important projects. A grant of \$875,000 will provide support for a study of international communications over a period of four years. Under this program, the Center will study the nature of information and ideas that reach various kinds of people in foreign countries, the channels by which they are conveyed, and the factors--cultural, psychological, institutional, political, economic--which affect the way people interpret the information and the way they react to it. Since earlier studies have emphasized mass media, such as radio and the press, special attention will be given to other channels, including personal and organizational media.

A second grant of \$125,000 for a one-year period will enable the Center to conduct a research program in the closely related field of economic development and political stability, a subject of major interest to the Department of Economics and Social Science. It will include studies of ways in which foreign countries might employ their resources to raise their living standards. Studies of

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the political, cultural, institutional and psychological factors that affect the rate and character of economic growth are also contemplated.

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