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Office of Planning and Evaluation, Associate Director, 1981-1982

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Special Assistant to the President, Executive Secretary, Domestic Policy Council, 1985-1988 – [see separate inventory](#)

Biography

A native of Waco, Texas, Ralph C. Bledson received a bachelor's degree from Texas A & M College in 1955, a masters degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1962, and a masters and Ph. D. from the University of Southern California in Public Administration in 1968 and 1971, respectively. He was with the System Development Corporation between 1958 and 1971. Mr. Bledson was a senior faculty member at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia from 1973 to 1980, and was director of the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland from 1980 to early 1981.

Mr. Bledson served as a consultant in the Office of Policy Development in early 1981 before joining the White House staff as Associate Director of the Office of Planning and Evaluation where he helped build the support system along with evaluating various cabinet councils. In 1982 he was appointed Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary to the newly-formed Council on Management and Administration where government-wide policies pertaining to Executive Branch management, administrative and personnel issues, and supervise the "Reform 88" Task Force. Also beginning in 1982 until 1985 Mr. Bledson served as Assistant Director of the Office of Policy Development for Management and Administration, and from 1984-1985 he was the Executive Director of the Federal Property Review Board. In 1985 became Special Assistant to the President, Executive Secretary, Domestic Policy Council until late 1988 when he left the White House.

SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE, 1981-1982 (1 l.ft., Box 1-8)

The Subject File consists of reports, articles, and charts pertaining to internal database development, government and private sector foresight, strategic planning, and various economic and social trends in the United States. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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The Office of Planning and Evaluation (OPE) Correspondence series consists of correspondence, publications, reports, and articles regarding OPE operational activities, functions, evaluations, policy and planning processes, personnel issues, and work plans. The files are arranged chronologically.

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The Reports series consists of graphs, charts, reports and lists regarding the Condition of Central Cities, the Growth of Governments, and the Economics of Health Care. This series also contains computer printouts of various White House events and OPE task summaries. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

SERIES V: AUDIO, 1981-1982 (Box 13)

The Audio series consists of audiocassettes with recordings of informal focus group discussions conducted by the market research firm, Prism Corporation, based in Washington, D.C. The audio recordings include group discussions on topics such as sources of current event information, important domestic issues facing the nation, and the relationship between and responsibilities of the Federal, State, and Local governments. All of the audiocassettes have been transferred to audiovisual storage.

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