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Media Relations, Office of: Staff Assistant, 1981-1984

Media Relations, Office of: Special Assistant to the President and Director of Media Relations, 1985-1987

The Office of Media Relations handled all press contacts with the White House other than the actual White House press corps. It was created in the fall of 1981 from the Office of Media Liaison in the Press Office and the Television Office from the Office of Communication. The office had various names throughout the administration including: Media Liaison; Office of Media Relations and Planning; Office of Media Relations and Broadcasting; Office of Media and Broadcasting Relations. Their staff, physical location in the White House and general functions remained exactly the same during these various name changes. For ease of use and to reflect their organizational unity the Library is naming this office: Office of Media Relations.

Sue Mathis (later Mathis-Richard) was one of the original members of the Media Liaison Office within the Press Secretary's Office at the beginning of the administration. She reported to Lou Gerig who was Director of that office under Press Secretary Jim Brady. After the shooting of Mr. Brady, the Press Office was reorganized in late 1981, and the Office of Media Relations was created. Mathis moved into the new office as a staff assistant. In December of 1984, Mathis became the Director of Media Relations. The Television Office at this time was given its own administrative director, Elizabeth Board. Mathis stayed on as Director of Media Relations until September 1987. Upon her departure the two offices were again recombined under Elizabeth Board.

The Library completed a preliminary arrangement of Mathis-Richard in 2007. It is arranged in five series as follows: Series I: Subject File; Series II: Briefings; Series III: Interviews; Series IV: Events; and Series V: Correspondence.

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Robertson Interview

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