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### **ROUSSEL, PETER: Files, 1981-1987**

Press Secretary, White House Office of the, Deputy Press Secretary

Peter Roussel was born in Houston, Texas in 1941. He has had a career as an American press secretary and public relations executive.

Roussel attended St. John's School in Houston, Texas. He then attended the University of Houston, graduating in 1965. Both his parents were journalists, his late father, Hubert Roussel, serving as drama, music and film critic for the *Houston Post*, 1933-66.

Peter Roussel began his career with the Federal Government in 1969 when he was asked to be press secretary to then U.S. Congressman George H. W. Bush. When Bush subsequently served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (1971–1973) and Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1973–1974), Roussel continued to serve as Bush's press secretary.

Roussel went on to serve two tours of duty in the White House, as Staff Assistant to President Ford (1974–1976), then as Special Assistant and Deputy Press Secretary to President Reagan (1981–1987).

In 1976 Roussel became a special assistant to President Ford's national campaign director, James A. Baker III. After that he served as communications director for Baker's 1978 campaign for Attorney General of Texas.

Roussel's career has also been in public relations, including as executive vice president of Neumann Roussel Public Relations, 1996-2003. From 2004-2008 he was a columnist for *Intown* magazine, writing a monthly column and serving as editor, June 2005-April 2008.

Roussel is now a public speaker, author/playwright and television-radio commentator based in Houston, Texas. In 2009 he was appointed to the Philip G. Warner Endowed Chair in Sam Houston State University's Department of Mass Communication, where he teaches courses on public relations and press-presidency interactions.

He is the author of the White House-based novel, *Ruffled Flourishes*. The novel is a satiric look at the daily travails of reporters covering the White House, attempting to squeeze accurate information from presidential representatives.

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