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### **SIMS, ROBERT BELL: Files, 1982-1983**

Press Relations, NSC (April 1982-June 1983)

Public Affairs, NSC (June 1983-October 1983)

Office of the Press Secretary, Foreign Affairs (November 1983-1985) – See [separate inventory](#)

A Navy public affairs specialist, Captain Sims was a Senior Research Fellow at the National Defense University before joining the NSC staff. He was Deputy Chief of Information for the Navy Department 1978-81, and Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Secretary of the Navy 1974-78.

From June 3, 1983, Captain Sims served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of Public Affairs on the National Security Council. Though he was appointed Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs by November 1983, he continued to serve the NSC until April 1984 when Karna Small was officially appointed full-time to the NSC position.

Captain Sims has worked as a daily newspaper reporter for the *Jackson Sun* in Jackson, Tennessee and as a weekly newspaper editor and publisher. His writings include *The Pentagon Reporters* published in 1983.

He has a B.A. degree from Union University and a Masters degree in journalism and in political science from the University of Wisconsin. He was a Rotary Foundation Fellow studying international relations at the University of Sydney Australia and is a graduate of the National War College. He was born November 26, 1934 in Tennessee.

The Robert Bell Sims NSC collection consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, notes, press releases, and talking points re Sims' and other NSC staffers' work on press relations and public affairs. The majority of the collection is Sims' work product with some of Karna Small's, Marc Brazil's and Baerbel Houck's materials intermixed. There are three series: Subject File, 1982-1984; Administrative File, 1982-1983; and Chronological file, 1982-1984.

SERIES I: Subject File, 1982-1984 (3.9 l.ft., Boxes 1-4)

The Subject File consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, notes, working papers, and press releases re NSC press relations and public affairs. Some of Karna Small's work product can be found in this series. Also, Marc Brazil's and Baerbel Houck's work product is intermixed. It appears Brazil and Houck filled in when Sims was working as Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs, before Karna Small was appointed full-time to the NSC. This series is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically.

SERIES II: Administrative File, 1982-1983 (1.1 l.ft., Boxes 4-5)

The Administrative File consists of memos and correspondence re interview requests, speaking engagements, and speaking requests. This series is arranged alphabetically by topic and then chronologically.

SERIES II: Chronological File, 1982-1984 (2.4 l.f.; Boxes 5-7)

This series consists of memos, correspondence, and notes regarding Sims' and other NSC staffers' work regarding NSC press relations and public affairs. It includes the work product of Marc Brazil and Baerbel Houck who appeared to have filled-in before Karna Small replaced Sims full-time. This series is arranged chronologically.

**SERIES I: Subject File, 1982-1984**

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Arms Control (06/28/1982)

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Arms Control (01/04/1983-01/10/1983)

Arms Control (01/11/1983-04/25/1983)

Arms Control (04/26/1983-06/27/1983)

**Arms Control, Nuclear (Bishops' Letter) (11/16/1982-11/22/1982)**

**Arms Control, Nuclear (Bishops' Letter) (11/23/1982-12/27/1982)**

**Arms Control, Nuclear (Bishops' Letter) (12/23/1982-06/30/1983)**

Barrett Book

Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) (12/03/1982-04/10/1983)

Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) (04/11/1983)

Eastern Europe

Economic (06/18/1982-07/05/1982)

Economic (07/06/1982-07/07/1982)

Economic (07/08/1982-03/05/1984)

**El Salvador**

Far East Trip (06/23/1983-10/12/1983)

Far East Trip (10/13/1983-10/19/1983)

Hetu, Herbert

**KAL 007 (09/01/1983-09/03/1983)**

**KAL 007 (09/04/1983) (1)(2)**

**KAL 007 (09/05/1983-09/18/1983)**

**KAL 007 (09/19/1983-10/03/1983)**

Latin America Trip (President)

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Lebanon (07/13/1982-07/16/1982)

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Lebanon (08/21/1982-08/24/1982)

Lebanon (08/25/1982-08/26/1982)

Lebanon (08/27/1982-09/14/1982)

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**Lebanon (10/26/1982-09/12/1983)**

Lebanon (09/13/1983)

Lebanon (09/14/1983-10/25/1983)

Lebanon (10/26/1983-02/06/1984)

Marshall Group

Mexico

Nuclear Safety

Poland/Pipeline (04/01/1982-05/31/1982)  
 Poland/Pipeline (06/01/1982-06/10/1982)  
 Poland/Pipeline (06/11/1982-06/22/1982)  
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 Poland/Pipeline (10/08/1982) (1)(2)  
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 Poland/Pipeline (11/03/1982-11/06/1982)  
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 Poland/Pipeline (11/19/1982-07/23/1984)  
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 POW/MIA (01/26/1983-07/05/1983)  
 Presidential Commission on Strategic Forces (01/06/1983-04/05/1983)  
 Presidential Commission on Strategic Forces (04/06/1983) (1)(2)  
 Presidential Commission on Strategic Forces (04/07/1983-04/11/1983)  
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 Presidential Commission on Strategic Forces (04/19/1983-06/06/1983)  
 Presidential Commission on Strategic Forces (06/07/1983-07/27/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (07/28/1982-08/11/1982)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (08/12/1982-09/23/1982)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (09/24/1982) (1)-(4)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (09/25/1982-09/26/1982)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (09/27/1982-11/04/1982)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (11/05/1982-01/03/1983)

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Presidential Press Conferences (01/04/1983-02/14/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (02/15/1983-06/21/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (06/22/1983-06/24/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (06/25/1983-07/18/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (07/19/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (07/20/1983-07/25/1983)  
 Presidential Press Conferences (07/26/1983-09/26/1983)  
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 Presidential Press Conferences (11/26/1983-12/17/1983)  
 Public Affairs Committee Meetings (01/06/1982-04/14/1982)  
 Public Affairs Committee Meetings (04/15/1982-05/26/1982)  
 Public Affairs Committee Meetings (05/27/1982-06/01/1982)  
 Public Affairs Committee Meetings (06/02/1982-07/28/1982)

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Public Affairs Committee Meetings (09/27/1982-12/07/1982)  
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Public Affairs Committee Meetings (02/10/1983-03/16/1983)  
Public Affairs Committee Meetings (03/17/1983-05/18/1983)  
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Public Affairs Committee Meetings (07/20/1983-10/05/1983)  
Public Affairs Committee Meetings (10/06/1983-02/23/1984)

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Reed, Tom (12/17/1982-03/13/1983)

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Southwest Asia

**Soviet Active Measures**

Soviet Union (08/17/1982-10/31/1982)

Soviet Union (11/01/1982-11/04/1982)

Soviet Union (11/05/1982) (1)-(3)

Soviet Union (11/06/1982-11/13/1982)

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Soviet Union (06/09/1983-08/02/1983)

Soviet Union (08/03/1983-09/26/1983)

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Soviet Union (11/22/1983-11/30/1983)

Space Policy (President's) (06/30/1982-07/02/1982)

Space Policy (President's) (07/03/1982-07/05/1982)

Space Policy (President's) (07/06/1982-10/03/1982)

Box 4R (90413)

Space Policy (President's) (10/04/1982)

Space Policy (President's) (10/05/1982-04/03/1983)

Space Policy (President's) (04/04/1983-04/10/1983)

Space Policy (President's) (04/11/1983-10/05/1983)

Strategic Defense (03/23/1983-04/24-1983)

Strategic Defense (04/25/1983-09/22/1983)

Strategic Defense (09/23/1983-12/04/1983)

Strategic Defense (12/05/1983)

**Vatican Diplomatic Relations**

Visits/Meetings (06/29/1982-07/29/1982)

Visits/Meetings (07/30/1982-02/28/1983)

**VOA (Voice of America)**

SERIES II: Administrative File, 1982-1983

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Interview Requests (Completed) (06/10/1982-07/08/1982)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (07/09/1982-07/20/1982)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (07/21/1982-08/29/1982)  
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Interview Requests (Completed) (09/15/1982-09/30/1982)  
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Interview Requests (Completed) (11/01/1982-11/17/1982)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (11/18/1982-12/05/1982)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (12/06/1982-01/16/1983)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (01/17/1983-01/28/1983)  
Interview Requests (Completed) (01/29/1983-02/14/1983)  
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Speaking Engagements: Completed (08/18/1982-11/01/1982)  
Speaking Engagements: Completed (11/02/1982)  
Speaking Engagements: Completed (11/03/1982-12/06/1982)  
Speaking Engagements: Completed (12/07/1982-12/28/1982)  
Speaking Requests: Accepted (01/06/1983-02/06/1983)

Speaking Requests: Accepted (02/07/1983-03/22/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Accepted (03/23/1983-05/02/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Accepted (05/03/1983-05/22/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Accepted (05/23/1983-07/26/1983)  
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Speaking Requests: Regretted (02/08/1983-04/25/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (04/26/1983-06/15/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (06/16/1983-07/31/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (08/01/1983-08/13/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (08/14/1983-09/11/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (09/12/1983-10/10/1983)  
Speaking Requests: Regretted (10/11/1983-11/21/1983)

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