



## **Bledsoe, Ralph C.: Files, 1981-1982**

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### **Subtitle/Office**

Office of Planning and Evaluation

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Associate Director, 1981-1982

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### **Record Type**

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### **Biography**

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Ralph C. Bledsoe was born on October 10, 1933, in Waco, Texas. Bledsoe received a bachelor's degree from Texas A & M College in 1955, an MBA from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1962, and a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in Public Administration in 1968 and 1971, respectively.

Bledsoe worked for much of his academic studies at the System Development Corporation between 1958 and 1971. Mr. Bledsoe 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. Bledsoe 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 for the cabinet council system and helped evaluate the various cabinet councils.

In 1982 he was appointed Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary to the newly formed Cabinet Council on Management and Administration - responsible for government-wide policies pertaining to Executive Branch management, administrative and personnel issues, and supervising the "Reform 88" Task Force. At this time, he moved back to the Office of Policy Development as the Assistant Director, Office of Policy Development, Management and Administration, and from 1984-1985 he was the Executive Director of the Federal Property Review Board.

In 1985 he became Special Assistant to the President, Executive Secretary, Domestic Policy Council until late 1988 when he left the White House.

In 1988, Bledsoe was selected as the first Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum where he oversaw the final construction of the building, the dedication of the Library, opening of the facility, and the early years of the Library and Museum. He transferred with the National Archives to Washington, DC in 1994 and was part of a reorganization task force creating a new management structure and functions for the National Archives and Records Administration. He retired from federal service sometime in the early 2000's.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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This is the first of four Ralph C. Bledsoe collections at the Reagan Library. This collection is Bledsoe's work product from his time at the Office of Planning and Evaluation. The Library has two more White House staff collections for Bledsoe, one for his work product within the [Office of Policy Development](#), and one for his work product as Executive Secretary of the [Domestic Policy Council](#). In addition the Library has a personal papers collection for Bledsoe consisting of pre-presidential material on management and public administration and post-presidential material from his tenure as Director of the Reagan Library.

The Ralph Bledsoe, Office of Planning and Evaluation collection consists of five series: SERIES I: Subject File; SERIES II: Memorandum; SERIES III: OPE Correspondence; SERIES IV: Reports; and SERIES V: Audio Material.

## **Series List**

### **SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE 1981-1982**

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### **SERIES II: MEMORANDUMS 1981-1982**

The Memorandums series consists of internal memorandums and reports regarding strategic evaluations and planning, monthly operational activities, and meeting agenda items of the Office of Planning and Evaluation. The files are arranged chronologically.

### **SERIES III: OFFICE OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION CORRESPONDENCE**

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.

## **SERIES IV: REPORTS 1981-1982**

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Richard Beal (1)(2)
OPEN	Biographical Information on White House Staff – 1981 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Decision Information Display System (DIDS) I (1)-(12)

### **Box 2**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Decision Information Display System (DIDS) I (13)
OPEN	Decision Information Display System (DIDS) II (1)-(14)
OPEN	Economic Recovery Program (1)-(3)

**Box 3**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Economic Recovery Program (4)(5)
OPEN	Futures Research I (1)-(5)
OPEN	Futures Research II (1)-(4)
OPEN	Futures Research III (1)-(4)
OPEN	Futures Research IV (1)-(5)

**Box 4**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Futures Research V (1)-(5)
OPEN	Futures Research VI (1)-(4)
OPEN	Futures Research VII (1)-(4)
OPEN	Housing Policies (1982)
OPEN	Management Assistance Team - January 1981-February 1981 (1)-(5)

**Box 5**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Management Assistance Team - January 1981-February 1981 (6)-(13)
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OPEN	National Indicators System (1)

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OPEN	National Indicators System (2)-(7)
OPEN	Office of Planning & Evaluation April 1981 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Office of Planning & Evaluation Information Systems - October 1981 (1)-(3)
OPEN	OPE/Charles Smith - Phase I
OPEN	OPE/Charles Smith - Phase II (1)(2)
OPEN	OPE/Charles Smith - Phase III
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OPEN	OPE/Charles Smith - Phase V (1)-(4)
OPEN	OPE/Charles Smith (1)-(8)
OPEN	Phase IV Strategic Plan (1)-(5)
OPEN	Possible Changes to Volumes I and II of the Strategic Plan (1)(2)

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OPEN	Prism Corporation (1)-(8)
OPEN	State of the Union 1982 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Travel

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OPEN	OPE Monthly Status Reports & Staff Meetings (1)-(3)

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OPEN	Strategic Evaluation Memorandum #1-11 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Strategic Evaluation Memorandum #12-15 (1)(2)
OPEN	Strategic Memoranda Series (1)-(3)
OPEN	Strategic Planning Memorandums #3-8 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Strategic Planning Memorandum #10 (1)(2)
OPEN	Strategic Evaluation Memorandum #18

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Meese Correspondence (1981-1982) (1)(2)

**Box 10**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	OPE Miscellaneous Correspondence I (1)-(14)
OPEN	OPE Miscellaneous Correspondence II (1)(2)

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	OPE Miscellaneous Correspondence II (3)-(13)
OPEN	OPE Miscellaneous Correspondence III (1)-(6)

**Box 12**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	OPE Miscellaneous Correspondence III (7)-(14)
OPEN	101 - RCB - Correspondence 1981-September 1982 (1)-(4)
OPEN	[Correspondence, 01/28/1981-05/04/1981]
OPEN	[Correspondence, 05/05/1981-05/08/1981]

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	National Indicators Systems Report on the Condition of Central Cities (July 1981)
OPEN	National Indicators Systems Report on Growth of Governments (July 1981) (1)(2)

**Box 13**

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- OPEN National Indicators Systems Report Number 7, Economics of Health Care (October 1981) (1)(2)
- OPEN [OPE Computer Printouts] (1)(2)

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OPEN	OPE - Prism Corporation Focus Groups (Cassettes) [Audiovisual storage]
OPEN	11/09/1981 Philadelphia Group 1, 6:00 pm Males
OPEN	11/09/1981 Philadelphia Group 2, 8:00 pm Females
OPEN	Chicago Females
OPEN	Chicago Males
OPEN	Female Panel in Cleveland, November 10
OPEN	Female Panel in Miami
OPEN	Male Panel in Cleveland
OPEN	Male Group in Miami
OPEN	San Antonio Females