



Gibson, Thomas F., III: Files, 1983-1987

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Record Type

Textual

Related Information

Biography

Biography

Thomas Fenner Gibson III was a founding editor and cartoonist on the Opinion staff of *USA Today*. He has worked with *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New York Times*, and the *National Journal*. Gibson served in two different posts at the Reagan White House. His eclectic career has included communications, international affairs, health care, aviation and non-profit fields.

Thomas Gibson was born on January 23, 1955 in Petal, Mississippi. Gibson is a *cum laude* graduate of Princeton University (B.A., 1977) and Harvard University (M.P.A., 1982).

Post college graduation Gibson started as a free-lance political illustrator for a number of publications from 1977 to 1982. Gibson was a legislative assistant to Oklahoma Senator Dewey F. Bartlett, 1978-1979, and Director of Government Relations for The Brick Institute of America from 1979-1981. From 1982-1983, Gibson was an editor on the opinion staff of *USA Today*. In 1983, Gibson joined the White House staff in the Reagan Administration as an Associate Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs.

He was then appointed to be Special Assistant to the President and Director of Public Affairs. He stayed at the White House until 1987.

After leaving the Reagan Administration, Gibson joined the Wexler Group, the public affairs and strategic communications firm as a Senior Vice President. In 1996, Gibson was recruited by MCI, an early cellular phone provider. He served as Director of Special Projects, reporting to the CEO and working on issues related to the Internet and international expansion. In 1998, Gibson joined Dr. Taylor Wang and others in forming Encapsulife, Inc., with Gibson serving as its president. Encapsulife is a private corporation created to commercialize Dr. Wang's nano-technology and bio-medical research. In 1999, Gibson formed his own communications and public affairs firm, Kirkwood/Gibson, and subsequently joined forces with the White House Writers Group, a collection of former high-level White House and executive branch communications professionals. Also in 1999, Gibson was appointed Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs of Mooney Aircraft, a manufacturer of high-performance piston aircraft.

Gibson founded Advocacy Animation in 2001 with the goal of creating and animated cartoon that could be produced within a 24-hour news cycle.

In 2002, Gibson joined former U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff General Ronald Fogelman in establishing Durango Pro-Focus Flight Training, which created a flight training program in conjunction with Midland College. Eventually the college assumed responsibility for flight instruction, General Fogelman retired, and the company changed its name to G.83 Aerospace with Gibson as its new president. The company broadened its range of aviation-related services.

In 2003, Gibson founded New Generation Foundation to promote access to opportunity for young people. New Generation has supported a number of initiatives including Airborne Lifeline Foundation which provides a flying medical service in Botswana and Malawi and the Squash Diabetes! Campaign launched by the Georgetown University Women's Squash Team.

Gibson currently resides in Washington, DC.

Scope and Content Note

This collection is currently unarranged. There are a large number of Office of Public Affairs designated boxes and it is very possible the Library staff will identify further Gibson material from these boxes. In addition, some boxes assigned to this collection contain work product from other individuals and may be moved or cross referenced at a later date.

Last Modified Date

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OA 12323

Status	Title
CLOSED	[President's News Conference 01/07/1986 - Preparation] (1)(2)
CLOSED	[President's News Conference 02/11/1986 - Preparation] (1)-(12)

OA 13082

Status	Title
OPEN	Abortion (1)(2)
OPEN	Affirmative Action (1)(2)
CLOSED	Agriculture
CLOSED	Gridiron
OPEN	Auto Industry
CLOSED	Anti-Trust

Status	Title
OPEN	Bishops Letter
CLOSED	Budget Deficit
CLOSED	Cabinet Council
CLOSED	Campaign Spending
CLOSED	Constitution (Bicentennial)
CLOSED	Conus / Hubbard
CLOSED	Defense

OA 13083

Status	Title
CLOSED	Defense Task Force
OPEN	Civil Rights (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Constitutional Convention
CLOSED	Commerce
CLOSED	CPI
CLOSED	Crime
CLOSED	Democrats
OPEN	Drug Abuse, 1986 (1)-(14)
CLOSED	Durable Goods
CLOSED	Economic Indicators
CLOSED	Education
CLOSED	Elections

OA 13084

The material in OA 13084 appears to be the combined work product of Thomas Gibson, Joseph Rodota, Jerome Becker, and Jane Lankering. Due to the small size of the office, it is likely that combined filing was done for general research information on alphabetical topics. This is likely to apply to other boxes in this collection and the Office of Public Affairs collection. The Library staff will do transfer and cross-references at the time this Office is arranged.

Status	Title
CLOSED	Energy

Status	Title
CLOSED	Employment
OPEN	Enterprise Zones
CLOSED	Family Issues
CLOSED	Teen Pregnancy
CLOSED	Child Abuse
CLOSED	Children's Services
CLOSED	GSA
CLOSED	HHS
OPEN	Health (Medicare / Medicaid)
OPEN	Homeless (1)-(6)

OA 13090

Status	Title
CLOSED	House Republican (F. Gregorsky)
OPEN	Housing (1)-(4)
OPEN	HUD (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Human Rights
CLOSED	Immigration
CLOSED	Income
CLOSED	Industrial Production
CLOSED	Interest and Mortgage
OPEN	Japan's New Economic Initiative, April 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Labor
CLOSED	Justice
CLOSED	News Media

OA 13091

Status	Title
CLOSED	Media
OPEN	Media Planning [Iran Relations, 1986]
CLOSED	Medal of Freedom
CLOSED	Minorities (Black Americans)
CLOSED	Gibson, Tom

Status	Title
CLOSED	NASA / Space / Young Astronauts
CLOSED	Personnel Appointments
CLOSED	Politics
CLOSED	PPI
CLOSED	Presidency
CLOSED	Private Sector Initiatives
CLOSED	Productivity
CLOSED	Saturday Radio Address
CLOSED	Social Security
CLOSED	Statue of Liberty
CLOSED	Stock Market

OA 13092

Status	Title
OPEN	Superfund
OPEN	Supreme Court (1)(2)
CLOSED	Terrorism
CLOSED	Tort Reform
CLOSED	Federal Management
CLOSED	Inspector General Reports
CLOSED	Tax Reform Chronology
CLOSED	Transportation
CLOSED	Walker Spy Case
CLOSED	Tax Reform

OA 13156

Status	Title
CLOSED	Trade - Smoot - Hawley
CLOSED	Trade - Tokyo Economic Summit
CLOSED	Trade
OPEN	Trade (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Welfare
CLOSED	Women

Status	Title
CLOSED	Reagan Record Draft 05/23/1986

OA 13157

Status	Title
OPEN	SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) (1)-(12)
CLOSED	State
OPEN	South Africa (1)-(10)
CLOSED	USA / Soviet Relations
CLOSED	Central America - Contra Aid

OA 13158

Status	Title
CLOSED	Central America
CLOSED	Books - Crime in the U.S. 07/27/1986
CLOSED	Presidential Commission on Space Shuttle
CLOSED	Peace Depends on American Resolve
CLOSED	Newspaper Clips from Front Page Newspapers 02/06/1986-02/11/1986
CLOSED	Defense Advocacy Material - February 1986
CLOSED	Presidential Answers Submitted to Close-up, 03/19/1986
CLOSED	Article for <i>Highlights Magazine</i> , 03/20/1986
CLOSED	Talking Points on the Urgent Supplemental, 04/16/1986
CLOSED	Questions for <i>Oil Daily</i> , 04/24/1986

OA 13159

Status	Title
CLOSED	Talking Points on Tokyo Summit, 04/18/1986
CLOSED	Talking Points on Windfall Profit Tax, 04/28/1986
CLOSED	Pre - Briefing for Interview with Wire Services, 04/18/1986
CLOSED	Tokyo Press Conference Briefing Materials, 05/05/1986
CLOSED	Reagan Leadership Material
CLOSED	April Highlights
CLOSED	T. P. Chernobyl Nuclear Accident, 05/12/1986

Status	Title
OPEN	Talking Points-Libya Chronology 05/12/1986 [April 1986] (1)(2)
OPEN	Talking Points on Tax Reform, 05/09/1986
CLOSED	Edenton High School, North Carolina 05/13/1986-06/11/1986
CLOSED	Talking Points on Trade, 05/16/1986
CLOSED	Questions and Answers with Closeup Foundation , 05/21/1986
CLOSED	Draft Reagan Record, 06/25/1986
CLOSED	May Highlights, 07/10/1986
OPEN	Radio Marti (1)-(3)
CLOSED	U.S. Canada Trade, 06/18/1986
CLOSED	Message Magazine, 07/07/1986
CLOSED	Romance of Radio, 06/26/1986

OA 13339

Status	Title
CLOSED	[White House Guidance System, Topic List]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #1 - 50 States Project]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #2 - Abortion]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #3 - Acid Rain]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #4 - Auto Industry]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #5 - Block Grants]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #6 - Central America]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #7 - Chemical Warfare]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #8 - Child Care]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #9 - Child Health]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #10 - Child Support Enforcement]

Status	Title
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #11 - Children's Services]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #12 - Crime]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #13 - Crime Control Package]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #14 - Crime Statistics]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #15 - Victims of Crime]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #16 - Defense Spending]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #17 - Deficits]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #18 - Domestic Content]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #19 - Durable Goods]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #20 - Economy - General]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #21 - Education]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #22 - Education Commission]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #23 - Education Excellence]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #24 - Education Spending]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #25 - EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #26 - Energy Dependence]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #27 - Enterprise Zones]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #28 - Environment]

Status	Title
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #29 - Equal Pay/Equal Work]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #30 - Fair Housing]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #31 - Fairness]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #32 - Farmers]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #33 - Federalism]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #34 - Food Assistance]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #35 - Food for Peace]
CLOSED	White House Guidance System [Topic #36 - GNP]
OPEN	White House Guidance System [Topic #37 - Grenada]
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Agriculture
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Commerce (1)(2)
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Defense
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Education (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Health and Human Services (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Labor
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of State
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of Transportation (1)(2)
CLOSED	Agency Reports – Department of the Treasury
CLOSED	[Public Liaison, Office of – OPL Weekly Calendar]
CLOSED	[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Media Reports] (1)-(3)

OA 13901

Status	Title
OPEN	Poverty Report Initiative (1)
OPEN	Poverty Report Initiative (2)
OPEN	Poverty Report Initiative (3)
OPEN	Poverty Report Initiative (4)
OPEN	Poverty Report Initiative (5)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Fairness (1)
CLOSED	Fairness (2)
CLOSED	Fairness (3)
CLOSED	Fairness (4)
CLOSED	Fairness (5)
CLOSED	Farm Credit (1)
CLOSED	Farm Credit (2)
CLOSED	Farm Credit (3)
CLOSED	Farm Credit (4)
OPEN	Family (1)
OPEN	Family (2)
OPEN	Family (3)
OPEN	Family (4)
CLOSED	1986 Republican Candidates Briefing Book, Vol. II (Copy 1) (1)
CLOSED	1986 Republican Candidates Briefing Book, Vol. II (Copy 1) (2)
CLOSED	1986 Republican Candidates Briefing Book, Vol. II (Copy 1) (3)

OA 14018

Status	Title
OPEN	Iran Press Clippings (Withdrawn)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (1)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (2)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (3)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (4)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (6)
OPEN	United Nations (Background Info) (7)
OPEN	Publication - <i>United States Participation in the UN</i>
OPEN	Publication - <i>Report to Congress on Voting Practices in the United Nations</i>

Status	Title
OPEN	Publication - <i>Report of the Human Rights Committee</i>
OPEN	Publication - <i>United States Contributions of International Organizations</i>

OA 14019

Status	Title
CLOSED	Poverty / Family Background
CLOSED	Family Ties Project
CLOSED	<i>L.A. Times</i> Interview -- Project File 06/20/1986
CLOSED	Judicial Appointments T.P.'s 06/17/1986
CLOSED	Reagan Revolution 06/19/1986 -- Project File
CLOSED	<i>Success Magazine</i> Article -- Project File
OPEN	Tax Reform (1)-(8)
OPEN	Tax Reform (1)-(6)
OPEN	Tax Reform Chronology (1)(2)

OA 15043

Status	Title
CLOSED	Charles Higgenbotham / C. Anderson, 07/27/1987 International Association of Chiefs of Police
CLOSED	Bowden Sexton Group / JR, 09/03/1987 Books on Customer Satisfaction
CLOSED	Robert Tickel / JR 09/22/1987 Rose - Hulman Institute of Technology Publication
CLOSED	Stephen Colarelli / TG / F. Ryan / JB 10/05/1987 Book on Ronald Reagan Lifestyle
CLOSED	Louis Tartaglia / TG 06/07/1987 Think and Grow Rich
CLOSED	Willard Garvey / RR / TG 09/18/1986 Ronald Reagan on Public Policy
CLOSED	Michael Rutherford / TG / R. Ryan 09/04/1987 Ronald Reagan Photo
CLOSED	Nancy Tobryn / TG 08/07/1987 Mailing List "Spokesmen"
CLOSED	Mrs. Joe Rodota / Staff 08/08/1987 Thank You

Status	Title
CLOSED	Art Wood / TG / F. Ryan 07/24/1987 Ronald Reagan Cartoon
CLOSED	M.J. Striegel, 06/30/1987 Library Materials
CLOSED	Dan Ramsey / JR 07/06/1987 Presidential Biography
OPEN	[Jerry Becker / Speaking Engagement, American University Summer Seminar 07/20/1987]
CLOSED	Marvin Sosna / TG 06/28/1987 News Clip
CLOSED	Cindy Gunter / D / Scott / TG 06/24/1987 Fundamentalist Journal Article
CLOSED	Brian Hitchen / T / Griscom / TG 07/07/1987 <i>Sunday Express</i>
CLOSED	Israel Feldman / F. Donatelli / TG 07/07/1987 <i>Government Computer News</i>
CLOSED	Mitch Daniels / TG 07/09/1987 Workforce 2000
CLOSED	Lawrence Criner / RR / TG 05/07/1987 The World and I
CLOSED	Dick Viti 07/04/1987 Ronald Reagan 07/03/1987 Address
CLOSED	Robert Dawson / JR 07/07/1987 Mark Arnold Proposal
CLOSED	Leonard Larsen and Ann Aschmidt / TG 07/09/1987 Ronald Reagan Congratulation Letters
CLOSED	WH Photo Office Memo 07/28/1987 New Regulations
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 08/13/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 07/31/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 08/05/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 06/02/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 07/22/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 08/06/1987 Briefing Materials
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Schedule 07/23/1987 Briefing Materials
OPEN	Economic Policy Council (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Economics Policy Council Minutes 10/13/1987
CLOSED	(Economics Policy Council) EPC Minutes 09/21/1987
CLOSED	Jim Hooley Memo 06/25/1987 Presidential Trip

Status	Title
CLOSED	TG Note to Jim Hooley 06/29/1987 News Clips
CLOSED	Don Clary / JR 06/29/1987 T. PTS Request
CLOSED	M. Baroody Policy Guidance 12/02/1981 INF Negotiations
OPEN	Budget (1)-(4)
CLOSED	(Consumer Price Index) CPI for March 1987 04/24/1987
CLOSED	(Producer Price Index) PPI for February 1987, 03/13/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Legislative Report 09/14/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Legislative Report 07/31/1987
CLOSED	Dan Rather Interview Q&A 01/26/1982 Budget / Federalism
CLOSED	(State of the Union) SOTU Fact Sheet 01/26/1982
CLOSED	Department PA Fact Sheet and Materials 03/31/1981
	General Media Press Kit
OPEN	[Budget 1981 - Fact Sheets and Other Materials]
CLOSED	Licia Hahn / TG / F/ Ryan 10/21/1987 Ronald Reagan - New York Reception
CLOSED	60-Day Forecast 05/29/1987
CLOSED	(WH Office of Political Affairs) WHOPA Report / M. Baroody 1981 Reagan Presidency
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Interview with <i>Newsweek</i> 07/29/1986 Drug Abuse
CLOSED	Economic Policy Council Minutes 03/18/1987
CLOSED	OMB Highlights Report 05/05/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 05/17/1987-05/23/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 05/31/1987-06/06/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 08/09/1987-08/14/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 09/13/1987-09/19/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 09/20/1987-09/26/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 10/12/1987-10/17/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 10/18/1987-10/24/1987
CLOSED	Weekly Highlights 10/25/1987-10/31/1987
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 05/18/1987

Status	Title
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 06/15/1987
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 07/27/1987
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 08/03/1987
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 08/10/1987
CLOSED	Ronald Reagan Weekly Update 09/14/1987
CLOSED	Robert Eason / TG / A. Higgins 09/18/1987 Ronald Reagan Letter Request
CLOSED	Jutta Lee Jordan / TG / F. Ryan / JB 08/26/1987 Ronald Reagan Bio. Info
CLOSED	Mark Dorsey / JB 10/26/1987 Request PA Info
CLOSED	Ron Debrock / TG 01/24/1986 Presidential Essay
CLOSED	World and I - Presidential Statement June 1987 Project File
OPEN	<i>Korean Times</i> - Presidential Interview 02/05/1986 Project File (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Dr. Wilhelm Christians 10/26/1987 Ronald Reagan Photo - Op
CLOSED	Gertrude Bakel /TG / JB 03/16/1987 Q's on Unemployment
CLOSED	Michael Rutherford / TG / F. Ryan 09/21/1987 Ronald Reagan Photo - Op
CLOSED	James Roberts / TG 09/23/1987 Ronald Reagan Letter to New York DAR
CLOSED	6 Administration Budget Targets / JB 08/05/1987 Memo to Steve Tupper
CLOSED	Lampasas Dispatch Record 03/19/1987, 03/26/1987, 04/02/1987
CLOSED	Joe Crockett / TG 10/04/1987 "Jobs Across America"
CLOSED	Andrea Fischer / F. Donatelli / TG 08/14/1987 (American Society of Newspaper Editors)
CLOSED	ASNE Reception at White House
CLOSED	Richard Hohlt / F. Ryan 08/06/1987 Ronald Reagan USL Speech

Status	Title
CLOSED	Richard Anderson / Bush / TG 08/07/1987 Mercy College Speaker
CLOSED	Zhao Changjiang & Feng / TG 08/10/1987 Ronnie and Nancy
CLOSED	William Timmons / T. Griscom / TG 09/29/1987 Boeing Congratulations
CLOSED	Gail Crane / TG 06/18/1987 Ronald Reagan Visit to Lukens
CLOSED	Lucy Caswell / TG / A. Culvahouse 08/11/1987 (Oklahoma State University) OSU Friday Follies Request
CLOSED	Terri Lynn Johnson (IABC) / JR 09/17/1987 Ronald Reagan Quote for PR Project
CLOSED	William Rivers / JR 09/10/1987 Ronald Reagan Quote to Textbook
CLOSED	Donald Tydeman / JR / W. Graham 09/10/1987 Computer System News
CLOSED	Charles Lewis (New - Life Publication) / JR 09/10/1987 Citizen's Handbook
CLOSED	Request for Designation Certificate 06/22/1987, JR. JB and NR
CLOSED	Pearlena Wallace / JR 09/02/1987 Palm Beach Financial Journal
CLOSED	TG Memo to T. Griscom 08/07/1987 Nations Biz
CLOSED	Photo - Op
CLOSED	Brenda Flatt Letter to KC / TG 08/25/1987 <i>Dallas Morning News</i>
OPEN	Airline Deregulation
CLOSED	Commission on Bicentennial of Constitution 1987 Information Packet
CLOSED	D. McDonald Memo to Dawson / TG 09/08/1987 Ronald Reagan Message to <i>Parade</i>
CLOSED	Jim Lowe - Lampasas Disp. / T Griscom / TG 10/16/1987 Ronald Reagan Column

Status	Title
CLOSED	Margaret Sanner / JR 10/26/1987 Ronald Reagan Article to Youth
CLOSED	Dr. Khalil Tumandar / JR 09/21/1987 Ronald Reagan Article - Tonamec
CLOSED	Hoover Essays January 1987 - February 1987 - March 1987
CLOSED	Ben Erkelens / TG / B. Sims DOD 10/16/1987 (World War) WWII Photos

OA 15044

Status	Title
CLOSED	(Economic Bill of Rights) EBOR Op-Ed Materials - Project File
CLOSED	Medal of Freedom - Project File
CLOSED	EBOR Follow-up -- Project File
CLOSED	Drug Wars Video Cassette Tape 05/12/1987
CLOSED	FEMA WH Briefing Video Cassette
CLOSED	Budget Reform Notebook 12/12/1986 - Issue Papers
OPEN	Judge Robert Bork - Background (1)-(19)
OPEN	Judge Robert Bork-Blue Binder (1)-(12)