



## **Cribb, T. Kenneth, Jr.: Files, 1982-1985**

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## **Biography**

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T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr. served President Ronald Reagan for almost the entire Administration in the Office of Cabinet Affairs, the Office of the Counselor to the President, the Department of Justice, and the Office of Domestic Affairs.

Born in 1948, T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr., is a native of South Carolina. He received a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Cribb graduated in 1970 from Washington and Lee University and took his first job as national director of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) from 1971 to 1977. ISI is an adjunct educational organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of core American and Western values or “educating for liberty,” as their mission states. He left ISI to complete his law degree at UVA, graduating in 1980. He became an attorney with Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer and Wood.

He also volunteered as deputy to the chief counsel of the 1980 Reagan campaign. He eventually took a leave of absence from Dewey to serve as Deputy Director of the Legal and Administrative Agencies Group, Office of Executive Branch Management for the Reagan transition team.

In the Reagan White House, Chief of Staff James Baker, Counsellor to the President Edwin Meese III, and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael K. Deaver formed a senior staff triumvirate which came to be called “the Troika. Meese’s responsibilities included the overseeing of relations between the White House and the Cabinet; organizing and running the cabinet council system of government Reagan preferred and overview of policy, planning, strategy and for the first year of the administration national security policy. Meese had a small, loosely organized staff to assist him in

these functions.

Cribb began working in the Office of the Counsellor in 1981, focusing on cabinet affairs. Early in the Administration this sub-office was established as its own entity and Cribb became the first Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs. In 1982, he returned to the Office of the Counselor to work directly for Ed Meese as an Assistant Counselor to the President. When Meese left the White House in 1985 to become Attorney General, Cribb followed him to the Department of Justice as “Counselor to the Attorney General.”

Cribb left the Department of Justice in late 1986 and worked briefly on Wall Street as an attorney. He was recruited back to the Reagan Administration in early 1987 to be Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and the Director of the Office of Domestic Affairs.

In 1984, President Reagan appointed Cribb to the Board of Governors for the American Red Cross. He served two three-year terms while simultaneously working for the White House and the Department of Justice.

Cribb has a long and varied association with conservative organizations and promotion of conservative education since leaving the White House. He served as President of ISI from 1989-2011, and served on its board until May 2012. During his tenure, ISI expanded its educational programs. He served as vice chairman of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board from 1989 to 1992.

Cribb was president of the Collegiate Network, an association of alternative college newspapers; president of the Council for National Policy, a conservative umbrella organization; member of the Board of Advisors for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education; is counselor to the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, a conservative legal organization. Cribb also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal, an educational organization that continues the intellectual legacy of noted conservative icon Russell Kirk, and on the Board of Visitors of [Ralston College](#), a start-up liberal-arts college in Savannah. He served as President of the Philadelphia Society.

Cribb has been published in the *National Review*, *The American Spectator*, *The Intercollegiate Review*, *Modern Age*, and *Human Events*.

## **Scope and Content Note**

Both T. Kenneth Cribb and Craig Fuller came to the White House as appointees with Edwin Meese, the Counsellor to the President. Both individuals were quickly moved to organize and run the Cabinet Affairs office and institute the concept of President Reagan's preferred cabinet governance. Fuller became the Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs and Cribb was appointed the Director of the Cabinet Affairs Office. Cribb returned to Edwin Meese's staff in 1982.

The scope of this collection is very limited in comparison to Cribb's other collections in the Office of Cabinet Affairs and the Domestic Affairs Office. The Library believes it is possible Cribb removed material to take with him when he followed Edwin Meese to the Department of Justice.

Much of this material was found loose as part of a box found within the Edwin Meese collection. This material has been placed in folders, with many folders containing single documents. The Library tried to follow any filing instructions on the documents and group material on the same subjects within a single folder. Also numerous original White House Office of Records Management Subject File case files were found within this material. Preservation photocopies were made for the Cribb collection and the originals were refiled with the WHORM Subject File.

This collection consists of two series: SERIES I: Subject File and SERIES II Chronological File.

## **Series List**

### **SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE**

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knowledge of the conservative, long-time Reagan supporters. He received correspondence, policy papers, and notices of pending legislation and/or agency issues and problems from various correspondents. The most frequent correspondence was from Joseph Wright and Michael Horowitz at the Office of Management and Budget, Danny Boggs and Stephen Galebach of the Office of Policy Development, Becky Norton Dunlop in Cabinet Affairs and the Office of Presidential Personnel, and Morton Blackwell in the Office of Public Liaison. Some personal material is also in this series and singles news clippings on a particular subject. This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

## **SERIES II: CHRONOLOGICAL FILE 1982-1983**

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## **Box 1**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[Abortion – Population Policy]
OPEN	Action (1)
OPEN	Action (2)
OPEN	TKC Action 10/11/1983
OPEN	Actions 06/08/1984
OPEN	Ambassadorial Authority – Deputy Chief of Mission Selection
OPEN	American Prosecutors Research Institute
OPEN	Antenucci, Alfred
OPEN	Appointments – Requests/Recommendations (1)
OPEN	Appointments – Requests/Recommendations (2)
OPEN	Armor-Piercing Bullets Legislation
OPEN	Attorney General Nomination Support
OPEN	[Baby-Boomers Political Organization Proposal]
OPEN	[BATUS Request for State Dinner Invitation]
OPEN	Beaux Arts Ball Request
OPEN	Beijing Exhibition Project
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Meeting Agenda, 10/30/1984
OPEN	Bostian Research Associates – Economics
OPEN	Bowman, Pasco M.
OPEN	[Budget] Management Report Fiscal Year 1986
OPEN	Budget Planning (1)
OPEN	Budget Planning (2)
OPEN	[Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, 05/05/1982, re: Versailles Summit, Economic & Financial/Agriculture Sector, Latin American Debt]

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, 05/20/1982 re: LDC Financial Problems, Polish & East European Debt, OECD & IMF Meetings]
OPEN	CCMA (Cabinet Council on Management and Administration) Grace Commission Reviews
OPEN	Cabinet Councils and Domestic Affairs Management: An Evaluation – Strategic Evaluation Memorandum #18
OPEN	Castro, Jaunita – Speech at Central American Forum 07/25/1984
OPEN	[Child Support Enforcement/HHS]
OPEN	[China]
OPEN	[Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB)]

## **Box 2**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Civil Rights Act of 1984
OPEN	Civil Rights Commission
OPEN	Civil Rights Enforcement
OPEN	Civil Rights re: Placement of Mentally Retarded Persons in Community Living Environments
OPEN	Clippings December 1983-06/14/1984
OPEN	Clippings 06/15/1984-August 1984
OPEN	Closed Captioning Services / CBS
OPEN	Coalition Against Crime
OPEN	[Communism – Roy Brewer Proposed Syndicated News Articles, ca. Early 1960s]
OPEN	Constitution Anniversary
OPEN	Cooke, Thomas
OPEN	Council of Economic Advisers (CEA)
OPEN	Crime Bill
OPEN	Crime Commission (TKC Working File) – Suggested Appointees for Organized Crime Commission (1)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Crime Commission (TKC Working File) – Suggested Appointees for Organized Crime Commission (2)
OPEN	Crime Commission (TKC Working File) – Suggested Appointees for Organized Crime Commission (3)
OPEN	[Criminal Justice Strategy – RNC]
OPEN	Davis-Bacon (TKC)
OPEN	Debt Collection Act – Administration Testimony
OPEN	[Department of Defense Speech/Procurement]
OPEN	[Department of Education – Personnel Issues]
OPEN	[Department of Labor Solicitor Vacancy] (TKC) Working File
OPEN	[Department of Justice Comments on USDA Request for Legislation]
OPEN	Devine, Don - Office of Personnel Management
OPEN	Discuss with EM August 1983 (1)
OPEN	Discuss with EM August 1983 (2)
OPEN	Discuss with EM 11/07/1983
OPEN	Discuss with EM 12/05/1983
OPEN	Discuss with EM 04/19/1984
OPEN	Discuss with EM III 05/05/1984

### **Box 3**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Discuss with EM, 05/29/1984
OPEN	Discuss with Edwin Meese III on His Return – Monday 07/23/1984
OPEN	[Document Responsive to “Debategate” Request]
OPEN	Drought Assistance – Federally Stored Grain
OPEN	Duncan, Cynthia – Request for Annual Leave
OPEN	“Economic Growth and the Money Supply”
OPEN	Education Initiatives
OPEN	Education Policy Meeting (1)
OPEN	Education Policy Meeting (2)



Status	Title
OPEN	Elections, 1982
OPEN	Elections – 1984 (TKC)
OPEN	EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
OPEN	[Equal Employment Opportunity]
OPEN	Export Financing
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters, April 1982</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters, May 1982 (1)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters May 1982 (2)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters June 1982 (1)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters June 1982 (2)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Fairness Doctrine in Broadcasting Support Letters July 1982</a>
OPEN	FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Executive Order 08/07/1984
OPEN	FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) North Carolina – Hurricane Diana
OPEN	Federal Prison Construction
OPEN	Federal Retirement System Reform
OPEN	[Federalism]
OPEN	Federalist Society
OPEN	Flat Tax – Natural Resources Industries
OPEN	Fowler/McCracken Commission Report (1)
OPEN	Fowler/McCracken Commission Report (2)
OPEN	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employment

#### Box 4

Status	Title
OPEN	Genocide Convention

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Grace Commission Report/Green Hill Publishers
OPEN	"Grass-Roots Groups Go National"
OPEN	Grove City Update
OPEN	Gun Owners of America
OPEN	Handicapped Newborn Deaths at Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
OPEN	[Harvard Seminars] Letter to Dean Allison
OPEN	Hazardous Waste Initiative
OPEN	HHS (Health and Human Services) - Women's Issues
OPEN	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention - S. 771
OPEN	Hoover Dam Bill - Market Pricing of Electric Power
OPEN	Hoover Institution [Reagan 1948] Materials Release
OPEN	H.R. 5479 - re: Awards of Expenses of Certain Agency and Court Proceedings
OPEN	Independent Banks - Non-Bank Banking
OPEN	Infanticide - HHS (Health and Human Services) Response
OPEN	[International Communications Policy - House Testimony]
OPEN	International Youth Year Commission
OPEN	ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission) Reduction
OPEN	Israel Free Trade Jewish Issues - Breger Paper
OPEN	Judicial Appointments - General
OPEN	Kirkpatrick, Jeane - Address at [1984] Convention
OPEN	[Large Limited Partnerships - Proposed Ban]
OPEN	Law of the Sea
OPEN	Legal Services Corporation
OPEN	Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
OPEN	[Magazine Articles Review/White House Library]
OPEN	Management Improvement Meeting (SEA and FMA)
OPEN	Management Meeting Agenda 11/15/1983
OPEN	Marine Legislation (S.1739 and H.R. 3678)
OPEN	Meese Meeting Requests

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Meissner, Doris
OPEN	[Mortgage Brokers – Federal Home Loan Bank]
OPEN	NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – Benjamin Hooks
OPEN	National Association of Police Organizations – Legislative Issues
OPEN	National Association of Secondary School Principals – School Discipline
OPEN	National Center for State Courts
OPEN	National Center for Youth Law Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – LSC Issues
OPEN	National Commission on Space
OPEN	National Commission on Student Financial Assistance
OPEN	National Council on Education Research
OPEN	[ <i>National League of Cities v. Usery</i> – Federalism Issues]
OPEN	National Program to Cut Violent Crime
OPEN	National Science Board Commission Report on Pre-College Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology
OPEN	Newly Naturalized Citizens
OPEN	Nicaragua
OPEN	Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Budget Review Request

## **Box 5**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Office of Cabinet Affairs Briefing Activities
OPEN	OMB (Office of Management and Budget) / Justice Litigation Review
OPEN	OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Statement of Administration Policy, 09/28/1984
OPEN	Office of Planning and Evaluation (TKC) (1)
OPEN	Office of Planning and Evaluation (2)
OPEN	Olson, Theodore

Status	Title
OPEN	Outer Continental Shelf 8(g) Case
OPEN	[Overtime Provisions of Fair Labor Standards Act] – George Israel Correspondence]
OPEN	PACE [Exam for Professional Occupations in the Federal Government]
OPEN	Peace Corps (1)
OPEN	Peace Corps (2)
OPEN	Peace Corps (3)
OPEN	Pecan Marketing Order
OPEN	Personnel Phone Calls (TKC)
OPEN	[Personal Material]
OPEN	Polish Refugees – INS Asylum Report
OPEN	[Political Analysis of Historic Presidential Approval Ratings] (1)
OPEN	[Political Analysis of Historic Presidential Approval Ratings] (2)
OPEN	Presidential Debate, 1984
OPEN	Presidential Interview Request – <i>Le Figaro</i>
OPEN	Presidential Letters (Request for)
OPEN	Presidential Library
OPEN	Presidential Pool of Executive Level Positions
OPEN	Presidential Roundtable Luncheon Meetings, re: the American Family, Minority Youth Unemployment, Home Ownership
OPEN	Presidential Support for Legislation Protecting U.S. Government Employees from Lawsuits (S. 1775)
OPEN	Presidential Task Force on Education (Proposed)
OPEN	President’s Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1984
OPEN	President’s Federal Judicial Selection Committee Meeting 03/10/1983
OPEN	President’s Federal Judicial Selection Committee Meeting 04/07/1983

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OPEN	Priority Act
OPEN	[Proposed "Peace Message" by President to Russia]
<b>Box 6</b>	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Pupil's Rights Act
OPEN	Railroad Retirement Board Appointment
OPEN	Raise with EM - 09/18/1984 (1)
OPEN	Raise with EM - 09/18/1984 (2)
OPEN	Regulatory Reform Talking Points
OPEN	[Request for Support for PBS 1984 Election Debates]
OPEN	"Reviving the Winning Coalition: The Strategy for Conservatives" Paper by Morton Blackwell
OPEN	Reyes, Christopher
OPEN	Rice Sales to South Korea
OPEN	[Robertson, Dr. Harry J. - Grievances]
OPEN	"Ronald Reagan and Tax Exemptions for Racist Schools," by David Whitman for the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
OPEN	San Diego Crime Commission
OPEN	[Scheduling/EM]
OPEN	Secret Service Protection (TKC Working File)
OPEN	Senate Committees
OPEN	Sentencing Reform
OPEN	Social Security Issues
OPEN	Solicitor General Actions Review
OPEN	Soviet Studies Legislation
OPEN	State Justice Institute Act
OPEN	State of the Union 1982
OPEN	Steel 201 Case
OPEN	Survivor's Benefits - H.R. 5600 - TKC File
OPEN	Synfuels Corporation

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Tax Policy - Personal Income Tax Exemption
OPEN	Tax Reform - Objections
OPEN	Textile Industry
OPEN	Title IX
OPEN	Todd Los Angeles Shipyard
OPEN	Trade Reorganization
OPEN	Tuition Tax Credit
OPEN	Unification Church (Moonies)
OPEN	USAF Academy Board of Visitors Report
OPEN	Veterans Administration – Walters Meeting
OPEN	[Vietnam Veteran Tribute]

#### **Box 7**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Walnut Tariff
OPEN	Water Projects Authorization Bill
OPEN	<i>Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents</i> , 12/10/1984, 12/31/1984
OPEN	Women Owned Businesses
OPEN	Women's Issues (TKC)
OPEN	World Wheelchair Games

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OPEN	TKC Chron File February 1982
OPEN	TKC Chron File March 1982 (03/01/1982-03/23/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File March 1982 (03/24/1982-03/31/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File April 1982
OPEN	TKC Chron File May 1982 (05/01/1982-05/16/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File May 1982 (05/17/1982-05/31/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File June 1982
OPEN	TKC Chron File July 1982 (07/01/1982-07/18/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File July 1982 (07/19/1982-07/31/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File August 1982 (08/01/1982-08/23/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File August 1982 (08/23/1982-08/31/1982)
OPEN	TKC Chron File September 1982
OPEN	TKC Chron File January 1983

#### **Box 8**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	TKC Chron File February 1983
OPEN	TKC Chron File March 1983
OPEN	TKC Chron File April 1983
OPEN	TKC Chron File May 1983 (05/01/1983-05/24/1983)
OPEN	TKC Chron File May 1983 (05/25/1983-05/31/1983)
OPEN	TKC Chron File June 1983
OPEN	TKC Chron File July 1983

#### **Box 9**

Oversize Material from folder: Discuss with EM, 12/05/1983

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	<i>Viewtron Magazine &amp; Guide</i> , November 1983 – Special Advertising Section to <i>The Miami Herald</i>