

SMALL-STRINGER, KARNA: Files, 1981-1984 – REAGAN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

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Media Relations, White House Office of, 1981-1984
Public Affairs Directorate, NSC (see [separate inventory](#))

The Office of Media Relations handled all press contacts with the White House other than the actual White House press corps. It was created in the fall of 1981 from the Office of Media Liaison in the Press Office and the Television Office from the Office of Communication. The office had various names throughout the administration including: Office of Media Liaison; Office of Media Relations and Planning; Office of Media Relations and Broadcasting; Office of Media and Broadcasting Relations. The Office's staff, physical location in the White House and general functions remained exactly the same during these various name changes. For ease of use and to reflect their organizational unity the Library is naming this office: Office of Media Relations.

At the start of the Reagan Administration, Karna Small-Stringer was a Deputy Press Secretary under James Brady, the White House Press Secretary. After Brady was injured in the March 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, Larry Speakes, another Deputy Press Secretary, was appointed Acting Press Secretary. In June 1981 Speakes was named Principal Deputy Press Secretary, officially taking over most of Brady's duties. In September, Small-Stringer was appointed as Director of a newly created office, Media Relations. This office combined the Office of Media Liaison (a unit of the Press Secretary's Office under Lou Gerig) and the Television Office function which was in the Communications Office. During her time as Director of Media Relations, Small-Stringer also did press and public affairs work for the Public Affairs Directorate of the National Security Council. In March 1984 she left the Office of Media Relations to perform the NSC function full time. See her NSC collection for material relating to work at the NSC.

Lou Gerig was the Deputy Director under Karna Small-Stringer for a period but soon left the White House. The Library does not have a separate collection for Mr. Gerig. His work product, mostly related to the old Office of Media Liaison, is part of this collection.

A preliminary arrangement was completed on this collection in 2007. The material is arranged as follows: Series I: Events, 1981-1984; Series II: Subject File; Series III: Pool Reports, 1982-1983; Series IV: Linda Perryman / Lou Gerig Files, 1981-1984.

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Caribbean Basin - Columnist Lunch Brock/Enders - 02/25/1982
National Newspapers Association Reception - 03/11/1982 (1)(2)
Black Publishers Briefing - 03/18/1982 (1)(2)
Pat Buchanan Lunch with RR - 03/19/1982
Briefing: Agricultural Editors - 03/22/1982
Briefing with State - 03/23/1982-03/24/1982
Ohio Broadcasters Briefing - 03/24/1982
Enterprise Zones Meeting with Legislators & Businessmen - RR & VP - 03/24/1982
Enterprise Zone Lunch for Urban Columnists - 03/26/1982 (Cancelled)
Press Conference Questions - 03/31/1982 (1)(2)

Regional Editors (Medium-Small) API Briefing - 04/01/1982
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National Public Radio News Director Briefing - 04/19/1982
American Newspaper Publishers Association Editors Briefing - 04/20/1982
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Broad Street Communications Group Briefing - 04/29/1982
Mid-West Briefing - 04/30/1982 (1)-(4)
Interview with Daily Pantagraph - 05/06/1982
Chicago Briefing - 05/10/1982 (1)(2)
ABC Affiliates Meeting / Satellite - 05/11/1982 or 05/12/1982
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Reception for Magazine Publisher's Association - 05/19/1982 (regret)
Editorial Page Editors Lunch - START and Europe -05/25/1982 (1)(2)

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Columnist Lunch: START and Europe - 05/26/1982
National Association of Broadcasters Briefing - 06/16/1982 (1)(2)
Regional Briefing West, Los Angeles Century Plaza 07/01/1982 (1)-(3)
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Iowa / Chicago Trip 08/01/1982-08/02/1982
Montana Trip - 08/11/1982
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Columnist Briefing on Ronald Reagan's Mid-East Speech, 09/02/1982
Topeka - 09/09/1982 and Utah 09/10/1982
Cox Briefing - 09/13/1982
Catholic Press Lunch with Meese on Social Issues - 09/14/1982
American Newspaper Publishers Association Briefing - 09/15/1982
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American Society of Magazine Editors Briefing - 09/21/1982 or 09/22/1982

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Columnists Briefing - Lebanon - 09/22/1982
Business / Trade Press Briefing - 09/24/1982 (1)-(5)
RR Interview with Ed Grimsley, Richmond Times Dispatch - 09/29/1982
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Peoria Trip - 10/20/1982
American Society of Newspaper Editors Board Briefing - 10/22/1982
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Columnist Briefing on MX - 11/23/1982
Debolt Family Visit - 11/5/1982
American Press Institute Briefing – 12/10/1982 - Managing Editors
RR Radio Interview with 6 Correspondents - 12/18/1982
Pete Peterson Group Meeting 01/19/1983
Paul Harvey Meeting with RR - Chicago 10/19/1983
State of the Union Planning January 1983
State of the Union TV Anchors Lunch / Briefing – 01/25/1983
Columnist Lunch on Arms Control & Budget – 01/28/1983
Budget Briefing for Administration Spokesmen - 01/29/1983
Margaret Heckler - HHS
Conservative Columnist Briefing on Defense Budget - 02/03/1983
Lunch / Briefing for Local Anchors - Budget, Economy - 02/07/1983 (1)(2)
Joe Sterne Editorial Page Editors - Budget / Lunch Briefing - 02/08/1983
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Regional Briefing - 02/14/1983 (3)
Young Presidents' Organization Teleconferencing 02/14/1983 (1)(2)
RR with Sperling Breakfast 02/15/1983
Sperling Breakfast with RR 02/23/1983 (1)(2)
Newsweek Teleconference - 02/24/1983
Briefing: Louisiana Broadcasters – 03/03/1983
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Payment in Kind Radio Actuality - RR - 03/10/1983
Afghanistan Day Audio Tape 03/21/1983
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Arms Control Speech 03/31/1983 (1)(2)
Phil Donahue Show – April 1983 (No)
Pittsburgh Trip - KDKA-TV - Interview (Baker) Pittsburgh Post Gazette - Editors
(Gergen)
Briefing for Farm Editors – 04/18/1983
RR with Wall St. Journal Editorial Board (No)
API Briefing for Editorial Page Editors – 04/13/1983
RR Statement on Long Term Agreement (Grain) to Farm Radio Network - 04/22/1983
RR Phone Call to Nashville Dinner (For Howard Baker) 04/22/1983
American Newspaper Publishers Association Speech New York - 04/27/1983
WH Press Corps Briefing on RR's Central America Speech - 04/27/1983
Analysts Briefing Central America 04/27/1983
Times Mirror Reception - 04/28/1983

Columnist Lunch: Central America 04/28/1983
Editorials - Pro and Con - Central America
American Business Press Drop-by - Phoenix - 05/05/1983 (No)
RR Phone Call to Allan Dale Show en Route to San Antonio - 05/05/1983
CBS Owned and Operated Briefing - 04/26/1983

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Briefing Michigan Broadcasters - 04/29/1983
San Antonio Speech: Cinco de Mayo - RR - 05/05/1983 (1)-(3)
Columnist Briefing - 05/06/1983 (Stockman, Svahn, Bell)
Chamber Teleconference on Export Trade - 05/10/1983 (1)-(4)
Ad Council Conference - 05/11/1983-05/12/1983 (1)-(3)
Jess Marlow Interview - 05/18/1983 on Central America - KNXT
Briefing - Bonneville Executives 05/19/1983
Schultz Briefing on Middle East and Williamsburg - 05/20/1983
Miami Trip - RR - 05/20/1983 - Cuban-American Event

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Regan Briefing / Analysts with Wallis - 05/23/1983 - Williamsburg
Williamsburg Briefing for NBC, CBS, Wallis, Nau, Sprinkle - 05/24/1983
Minneapolis - KSTP-TV Interview - 06/09/1983 - on road
Columnist Briefing on START - 06/09/1983 with McFarlane
Williamsburg Planning
RR Phone Calls to LA Times and US News - Journalist & Photographer Killed -
Nicaragua / Honduras - 06/22/1983
World Communications / Teleport - 06/23/1983
Associated Press Institute Briefing - 06/23/1983
Photo Op for PM Magazine - Buffalo (Ms. Ballachino) 07/07/1983
Radio Broadcasting Award - 07/14/1983
WCBS Sports Interview - 07/18/1983
Columnists / Central America / Tony Motley - 07/22/1983
Leo Jaffe, USIA Photo Op - 07/21/1983
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Phone Call: Kilpatrick - 08/04/1983 or 08/05/1983
WCBS - Radio Interview on Education
Hedley Donovan Interview (BK)

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RR Crossfire Interview with Braden / Buchanan
Rowny Briefing for Columnists - Arms Talks - 08/18/1983
James J. Kilpatrick Interview - 09/08/1983
Republican National Committee Teleconference - 09/09/1983
Hispanic, Labor, Religious Briefing - 09/14/1983 (1)-(3)
Secretary Schultz / Columnists - 09/21/1983
Regional Broadcasters Briefing - 09/21/1983 (1)(2)

Parade Magazine Article on "How I Stay Fit" – 09/23/1983
Betty Ann Williams Photo Op (New President of Washington Press Club) 09/29/1983
Ambassador Fairbanks - Columnist Briefing – 09/29/1983
Group TV Presidents Briefing – 10/06/1983 (1)(2)
Donald Lambro Interview - 10/06/1983

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Ethnic Briefing - White House / State - 10/18/1983 (1)-(6)
United Press International Hispanic Radio Network 10/18/1983
Regional Editors Briefing 10/24/1983 (W.H. out card to Terry Abdo 12/12/84)
Two Reel-to-reel Tapes - Out-of-Town Press 10/24/1983 (Stored in Audio/Visual for preservation)
Cassette #1 - Secretary Regan, Ruckelshaus and Kilpatrick (Stored in Audio/Visual for preservation)
Cassette #2 - Ambassador Kirkpatrick, Secretary Heckler (Stored in Audio/Visual for preservation)
Newhouse Briefing 10/26/?? (W.H. out card to Abdo 12/12/82)
Prime Minister Charles Interviews - 10/25/1983
Columnist Briefing / McFarlane on Grenada – 10/26/1983
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Network Anchors and Producers on State of the Union 01/25/1984 Lunch
Network Anchors Briefing Luncheon on President's State of the Union Address 01/25/1984 (1)(2)
Joe Sterne Editorial Page Editors – 01/30/1984 (1)(2)
CBS Affiliates – 01/31/1984
Conservative Columnist Breakfast with Svahn - Family Values - 02/09/1984
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Magazine Publishers Association Briefing 02/23/1984 (1)(2)
United Press International Latin American Board Reception - 03/01/1984
Business Press Editors - 03/07/1984 (1)-(4)
Two Reel-to-reel Tapes - Untitled (Stored in Audio/Visual for preservation)
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Hispanic Interview during Hispanic Heritage Week

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Meeting with Itler Turkman, Foreign Minister of Turkey 04/02/1981

Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Jagielski of Poland 04/02/1981

Prince Charles Visit to U.S. 05/01/1981-05/02/1981

Visit of Prime Minister Suzuki of Japan 05/07/1981-05/08/1981

Visit of Chancellor and Mrs. Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany
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Visit of Mother Teresa of Calcutta 06/04/1981

Visit by President Jose Lopez Portillo to Camp David 06/08/1981-06/09/1981

Visit of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser of Australia 06/30/1981

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Visit of President Anwar Sadat 08/05/1981-08/06/1981

Visit of Prime Minister of Israel 09/09/1981-09/10/1981

Visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain September 1981

Cancun, Mexico 10/21/1981-10/24/1981

Visit of King Hussein of Jordan 11/02/1981-11/03/1981

Visit of President Mubarak of Egypt 02/03/1982-02/04/1982

Visit of Italian President Pertini 03/24/1982-04/01/1982

President's Trip to Barbados Easter 04/04/1982-04/11/1982

Visit of Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands 04/19/1982-04/22/1981

Visit of President Figueriedo of Brazil 05/12/1982-05/13/1982

Visit of King Hassan II Morocco 05/18/1982-05/21/1982

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Visit of Prime Minister Gandhi of India 07/30/1982

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Meeting with the President of Panama 10/01/1982

Trip to Nevada, California, Mexico and Texas 10/07/1982-10/11/1982

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Trip to Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica 11/30/1982-12/04/1982

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Tuition Tax Credit Briefing 08/10/1982 [Blank forms]
Briefing for Catholic Press 09/14/1982 (With Meese)
Briefing for Columnists on Lebanon 09/22/1982
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