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The White House Situation Room has been in existence since the Kennedy administration and has evolved as a support function for the National Security Advisor. During the Reagan Administration both the Director and Deputy Director of the Situation Room were located in the West Wing of the White House. Records for the Situation Room are considered part of the National Security Council collection at the Reagan Library.

In 1982, the Crisis Management Center (CMC) was set up under Richard Beal in the Old Executive Office Building and it acted as a “second situation room.” Much of its electronic and technological equipment was funded and provided by the Department of Defense. The CMC created its own documents and records and is considered a collection on its own at the Library. The directors for the CMC include Richard Beal, Rod McDaniel and Michael Donley. Mr. Donley greatly expanded the control and power of the CMC during his time as Director. The CMC conference areas became a parallel situation room in the OEOP and important NSC meetings took place here such as Senior Interagency Group (SIG) meetings, etc.

In 1985, the Situation Room and the CMC were absorbed under a new entity, the White House Situation Support Staff (WHSSS).

The White House Situation Support Staff was created ca. 1985 to oversee the Crisis Management Center (CMC) and the Situation Room. The Situation Room has its own collection under the NSC Executive Secretariat for 1981-89. At this time the Cordell Room in the OEOP was redone with additional state-of-the-art electronics and telecommunications equipment.

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 IN-HIS 1-26 Angola Game October 1987  
 IN-HIS 1-27 Brazilian Game November 1987  
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 Exercise Proud Scout 88 (August-September 1987) NDU, Ft. McNair (DOD) (National  
 Level Policy Cell)  
 Exercise Proud Scout 88 Phase I Player Book NSC Advisor (Binder) (1)-(4)

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IN-HIS 4-14 India: Gandhi Assassination 10/31/1984  
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**IN-HIS 4-21 Libya: U.S. Airstrike 04/14/1986**  
**IN-HIS 4-22 Pan Am Flight 73 Hijacking 09/05/1986**  
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The Participation of President Reagan in the Venice Economic Summit Briefing Book 06/08/1987-06/11/1987 (Binder) (1)-(3)

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The Meetings of President Reagan Helsinki, Moscow, London Briefing Book (Binder) (Helsinki 05/25/1988-05/26/1988)

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- (18) Terms of Reference for Contingency Planning 08/22/1985
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