



Fitzwater, Marlin M.: Files, 1985-1988

Finding Aid Type

White House Staff and Office File Collections

Subtitle/Office

Press Secretary, Office of: Acting Press Secretary

Disclaimer

This collection is available in whole for research use. Some folders may still have withdrawn material due to Freedom of Information Act restrictions. Most frequently withdrawn material is national security classified material, personal privacy, protection of the President, etc.

Copyright

Some of the archival materials in this collection may be subject to copyright or other intellectual property restrictions. Users of these materials are advised to determine the copyright status of any document from which they wish to publish.

Record Type

Textual

Biography

Biography

Max Marlin Fitzwater was White House Press Secretary for six years under Presidents Ronald Reagan & George H.W. Bush. He is currently a media consultant

and author.

Marlin Fitzwater was born in a Salina, Kansas hospital in 1942. His family owned a farm in Dickinson County, Kansas. Fitzwater was educated in Kansas graduating from Kansas State University in 1965. As a college student he began writing for various newspapers and moved to Washington, DC upon graduation.

In Washington, Fitzwater served in Public Affairs offices at various federal agencies, including the Appalachian Regional Commission (1965–1967), the U.S. Department of Transportation (1970–1972) and the Environmental Protection Agency (1972–1981). He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of the Treasury from 1981 to 1983.

Fitzwater headed to the White House in 1983, serving as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Domestic Affairs. He served as Vice President Bush's Press Secretary from 1985 to 1987.

After being shot in the March 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, James Brady retained the title of White House Press Secretary as an honorific for the entire 8 years of the Reagan Administration. Fitzwater was promoted to Acting White House Press Secretary when Larry Speakes left the White House in March 1987. He served until the end of the Reagan Administration and then became White House Press Secretary for President George H.W. Bush for his entire administration.

Fitzwater became one of three Press Secretaries to serve two presidents (Stephen Early and Pierre Salinger are the other two). In addition, he is one of the longest-serving Press Secretaries (six years).

After leaving the White House, Fitzwater has been a consultant and lecturer on media relations, most notably to the television show, *The West Wing*. He is also the author of two books: *Call the Briefing* and *Esther's Pillow*.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of four series: SERIES I: Alphabetical Correspondence File; SERIES II: Subject File; SERIES III: Schedule Proposals and Briefing Papers and SERIES IV: Daily Files.

Series List

SERIES I: ALPHABETICAL-CHRONOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE FILE

SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES

SERIES III: Schedule Proposals and Briefing Papers

SERIES IV: DAILY FILES

Last Modified Date

2024-05-09

SERIES I: ALPHABETICAL-CHRONOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Box 1

Status	Title
OPEN	A (1)-(5)
OPEN	Leslye Arsht
OPEN	B (1)-(11)

Box 2

Status	Title
OPEN	B (12)-(17)
OPEN	Howard Baker (1)-(11)
OPEN	Brashear, Rusty
OPEN	C (1)(2)

Box 3

Status	Title
OPEN	C (3)-(8)
OPEN	Culvahouse, A.B. (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	D (1)-(8)

Box 4

Status	Title
OPEN	D (9)(10)
OPEN	Dawson, Rhett (1)-(4)
OPEN	Duberstein, Ken (1)-(3)
OPEN	E (1)-(4)
OPEN	F (1)-(6)

Box 5

Status	Title
OPEN	F (7)-(11)
OPEN	The First Lady
OPEN	G (1)-(9)
OPEN	Griscom, Tom (1)-(3)

Box 6

Status	Title
OPEN	Griscom, Tom (4)-(6)
OPEN	H (1)-(14)
OPEN	Dan Howard/Roman Popadiuk (1)(2)

Box 7

Status	Title
OPEN	I
OPEN	J (1)(2)
OPEN	Jarratt, Ben
OPEN	K (1)-(7)
OPEN	L (1)-(4)

Box 8

Status	Title
OPEN	L (5)-(8)
OPEN	M (1)-(13)
OPEN	Mc (1)(2)

Box 9

Status	Title
OPEN	Mc (3)-(5)
OPEN	Media Relations
OPEN	Military Office
OPEN	Miller, Jonathan
OPEN	Murphy, Liz
OPEN	N (1)(2)
OPEN	News Summary (1)-(3)
OPEN	O (1)-(7)
OPEN	P (1)(2)

Box 10

Status	Title
OPEN	P (3)-(6)
OPEN	Photo Office
OPEN	Powell, Colin (1)(2)
OPEN	The President (1)-(4)
OPEN	Press Office Staff
OPEN	Q
OPEN	R (1)-(9)

Box 11

Status	Title
OPEN	Regan, Donald
OPEN	S (1)-(16)
OPEN	Scheduling (1)

Box 12

Status	Title
OPEN	Scheduling (2)-(4)
OPEN	Secret Service
OPEN	T (1)-(9)
OPEN	Travel and Entertainment Budgets (1)-(5)
OPEN	U

Status	Title
OPEN	V (1)(2)

Box 13

Status	Title
OPEN	The Vice President
OPEN	Visitor's Office
OPEN	W (1)-(10)
OPEN	Wallison, Peter
OPEN	Weinberg, Mark (1)-(2)
OPEN	WHCA
OPEN	White House Staff (1)(2)

Box 14

Status	Title
OPEN	Y (1)-(3)
OPEN	Z

SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES

Box 14, cont

Status	Title
OPEN	Brussels - NATO Meeting 03/01/1988-03/03/1988
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Camp David Chapel
OPEN	Central America (1)-(6)
OPEN	Central America: Peace Plans (1)(2)
OPEN	Communications Plans [Marlin Fitzwater]
OPEN	Daily Coverage Memos
OPEN	President's Interview with News Magazine 05/14/1987 (1)-(3)
OPEN	[1986 Interview Transcripts]
OPEN	1987 Interview Transcripts (1)(2)

Box 15

Status	Title
OPEN	1987 Interview Transcripts (3)-(5)
OPEN	[1988 Interview Transcripts] (1)-(7)

Status	Title
OPEN	[1989 Interview Transcripts]
OPEN	Iran/Contra Affair (1)-(5)
OPEN	[Moscow Summit] (1)-(5)

Box 16

Status	Title
OPEN	Moscow Summit - Moscow 05/25/1988-06/03/1988 (1)
OPEN	Moscow Summit - Moscow 05/25/1988-06/03/1988 (2)
OPEN	Moscow Summit - Moscow 05/25/1988-06/03/1988 (3)
OPEN	Moscow Summit - Moscow 05/25/1988-06/03/1988 (4)
OPEN	Presidential Letters to the Press
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (1)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (2)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (3)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (4)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (5)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (6)
OPEN	Press Conference #40 03/19/1987 (7)
OPEN	Press Policy
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987) (1)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987) (2)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Communications Plan
OPEN	Reagan- Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): INF Treaty
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Press Arrangements (1)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Press Arrangements (2)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Press Arrangements (3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Press Arrangements (4)

Box 17

Status	Title
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): Scheduling Items
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): The Summit (1)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): The Summit (2)
OPEN	Reagan-Gorbachev Summit (12/07/1987-12/10/1987): The Summit (3)
OPEN	Records for Investigation (1)
OPEN	Records for Investigation (2)
OPEN	Sunday TV Memos [02/06/1984-12/16/1988] (1)
OPEN	Sunday TV Memos [02/06/1984-12/16/1988] (2)
OPEN	Sunday TV Memos [02/06/1984-12/16/1988] (3)
OPEN	Sunday TV Memos [02/06/1984-12/16/1988] (4)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees [Ginsburg/Kennedy]
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (1)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (2)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (3)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (4)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (5)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (6)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (7)

Box 18

Status	Title
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (8)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (9)
OPEN	Supreme Court Nominees: Bork (10)

Status	Title
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (1)
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (2)
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (3)
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (4)
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (5)
OPEN	R.R. Tax Returns and Financial Disclosure Forms (6)
OPEN	[Today's News Events] 01/15/1987; November 1987-12/10/1987
OPEN	[Today's News Events] 12/11/1987-01/19/1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] 01/20/1988-02/10/1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] 02/11/1988-03/10/1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] 03/11/1988-03/31/1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] April 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] May 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] June 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] July 1988-August 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] September 1988

Box 19

Status	Title
OPEN	[Today's News Events] October 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] November 1988
OPEN	[Today's News Events] December 1988-January 1989
OPEN	Toronto Economic Summit 06/19/1988-06/21/1988 (1)
OPEN	Toronto Economic Summit 06/19/1988-06/21/1988 (2)
OPEN	Trip of President Reagan to Ottawa, Canada, 04/05/1987-04/06/1987: Press
OPEN	Venice Summit (1)
OPEN	Venice Summit (2)
OPEN	Venice Summit (3)
OPEN	Venice Summit (4)
OPEN	Venice Summit (5)

Status	Title
OPEN	Venice Summit (6)
OPEN	Venice Summit (7)
OPEN	Venice Summit (8)
OPEN	The Week Ahead 04/27/1987-09/27/1987
OPEN	The Week Ahead 09/28/1987-January 1988
OPEN	The Week Ahead February 1988-May 1988
OPEN	The Week Ahead June 1988-December 1988
OPEN	[Woodward - CIA Book]

SERIES III: Schedule Proposals and Briefing Papers

Box 20

Status	Title
OPEN	Schedule Proposals (1)
OPEN	Schedule Proposals (2)
OPEN	1987 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (1)
OPEN	1987 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (2)
OPEN	1987 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (3)
OPEN	1987 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (4)
OPEN	1988 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (1)
OPEN	1988 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (2)
OPEN	1988 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (3)
OPEN	1988 Briefing Papers and Schedule Proposals (4)

SERIES IV: DAILY FILES

Box 20, Continued

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: Miscellaneous Material from Previous Months]
OPEN	[Daily Files: 08/08/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 08/08/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (4)

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/16/1988] (6)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/17/1988]
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988] (2)

Box 21

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988 (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988 (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988 (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988 (6)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/19/1988 (7)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/20/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/20/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/20/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/20/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/20/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/21/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/21/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/21/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/21/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (6)

Box 22

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (7)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (8)

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/22/1988] (9)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/23/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/23/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/23/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/23/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/24/1988]
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/26/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/26/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/26/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/26/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/26/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/27/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/27/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/28/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/28/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/28/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/28/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/28/1988] (5)

Box 23

Status	Title
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/29/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/29/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/29/1988] (3)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/29/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/29/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/30/1988] (1)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/30/1988] (2)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/30/1988] (4)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/30/1988] (5)
OPEN	[Daily Files: 09/30/1988] (6)