



## **Weidenbaum, Murray L., Files: 1981-1982**

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### **Record Type**

Textual

### **Scope and Content Note**

Murray Weidenbaum served as Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors from January 1981 to September 1, 1982.

The collection consists of four series: SERIES I: Correspondence, 1981-1982; SERIES II: Meeting File, 1981-1982; SERIES III: Chronological Files, 1981-1982; Series IV: Subject File, 1981-1982.

## **Series List**

### **SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1981-1982**

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### **SERIES II: MEETING FILES, 1981-1982**

This series pertains primarily to the scheduling of meetings between Weidenbaum and outside bodies such as business organizations, industry groups, and organizations of economists and bankers. Much of the material consists of unsolicited meeting requests from such groups. There are also a few scheduling and background materials pertaining to meetings of the Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, and a few documents pertaining to scheduling and other administrative aspects of meetings with foreign officials involved in trade policy. The material is arranged chronologically by month.

### **SERIES III: CHRONOLOGICAL FILE, 1981-1982**

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of the public, and Weidenbaum's professional and personal acquaintances. There are drafts of Presidential speeches, CEA reports on the state of the US economy, CEA predictions on price and unemployment figures, and boilerplate letters setting forth Administration economic policy. Topics include many aspects of the US economy, including production and unemployment figures, the automobile and dairy industries, US trade policy, Administration budget and tax proposals, and the gold standard and the work of the Gold Commission. Many letters from early to mid-1981 are form letters sent to people who wrote to congratulate Weidenbaum on his new position as Chairman of CEA. Many letters from February 1981 are boilerplate cover letters that were sent with copies of the Administration's initial economic plan. There are also some routine personnel recommendation letters sent from Weidenbaum on behalf of acquaintances and former staff who were seeking work in the private sector.

#### **SERIES IV: SUBJECT FILE, 1981-82**

This series contains: thank-you correspondence pertaining to Weidenbaum speeches and public appearances; letters from friends and acquaintances regarding Weidenbaum's resignation as CEA Chairman; routine personnel recommendations for former CEA staff seeking employment; forms, schedules, and correspondence pertaining to Weidenbaum's official travel; and memos and letters regarding the resignation of Carter CEA staff at the start of the Reagan Administration.

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1981. The material is arranged chronologically by month.

**Box 1**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (January 1981)                  |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (02/01/1981-02/18/1981) (1)-(4) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (02/19/1981-02/28/1981) (1)-(6) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/01/1981) (1)-(6)            |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/02/1981-03/04/1981) (1)-(4) |

**Box 2**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/02/1981-03/04/1981) (5)-(6) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/05/1981) (1)-(5)            |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/05/1981-03/11/1981) (1)-(6) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (03/12/1981-03/31/1981) (1)-(5) |

**Box 3**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (04/01/1981-04/10/1981) (1)-(6) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (04/11/1981-04/30/1981) (1)-(5) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (May 1981) (1)-(5)              |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (June 1981) (1)-(6)             |

**Box 4**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (July 1981) (1)-(3)      |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (August 1981) (1)-(4)    |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (September 1981) (1)-(7) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (October 1981) (1)-(4)   |

**Box 5**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                                       |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (November 1981) (1)-(4) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (December 1981) (1)-(5) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (January 1982) (1)-(3)  |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (February 1982) (1)-(5) |

**Box 6**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                                     |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (March 1982) (1)-(10) |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (April 1982) (1)-(6)  |

**Box 7**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                                     |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (May 1982) (1)-(5)    |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (June 1982) (1)-(4)   |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (July 1982) (1)(2)    |
| OPEN          | MLW General Correspondence (August 1982) (1)-(9) |

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**Box 8**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| OPEN          | January 1981 Meetings          |
| OPEN          | February 1981 Meetings (1)-(5) |
| OPEN          | March 1981 Meetings (1)-(4)    |
| OPEN          | April 1981 Meetings (1)-(4)    |
| OPEN          | May 1981 Meetings (1)-(5)      |

**Box 9**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| OPEN          | June 1981 Meetings (1)(2)      |
| OPEN          | July 1981 Meetings (1)-(3)     |
| OPEN          | August 1981 Meetings           |
| OPEN          | September 1981 Meetings (1)(2) |
| OPEN          | October 1981 Meetings (1)-(3)  |
| OPEN          | November 1981 Meetings (1)(2)  |
| OPEN          | December 1981 Meetings (1)(2)  |
| OPEN          | January 1982 Meetings (1)-(3)  |
| OPEN          | February 1982 Meetings (1)(2)  |

### **Box 10**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| OPEN          | March 1982 Meetings (1)(2)     |
| OPEN          | April 1982 Meetings            |
| OPEN          | May 1982 Meetings (1)(2)       |
| OPEN          | June 1982 Meetings             |
| OPEN          | July 1982-August 1982 Meetings |

### **SERIES III: CHRONOLOGICAL FILE, 1981-1982**

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sector.

**Box 10 (Continued)**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN          | January 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File                              |
| OPEN          | February 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/01/1981-02/05/1981)     |
| OPEN          | February 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/06/1981-02/11/1981)     |
| OPEN          | February 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/12/1981-02/17/1981)     |
| OPEN          | February 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/18/1981-02/19/1981)     |
| OPEN          | February 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/20/1981-02/28/1981)     |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/01/1981-03/02/1981) (1)(2) |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/03/1981-03/04/1981)        |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/05/1981)                   |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/06/1981-03/10/1981)        |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/11/1981-03/15/1981)        |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/16/1981)                   |

**Box 11**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/17/1981-03/20/1981) |
| OPEN          | March 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/21/1981-03/31/1981) |
| OPEN          | April 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (04/01/1981-04/05/1981) |
| OPEN          | April 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (04/06/1981-04/12/1981) |

| Status | Title  |
|--------|--|
| OPEN   | April 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (04/13/1981-04/30/1981)     |
| OPEN   | May 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (05/01/1981-05/14/1981)       |
| OPEN   | May 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (05/15/1981-05/22/1981)       |
| OPEN   | May 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (05/23/1981-05/31/1981)       |
| OPEN   | June 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (06/01/1981-06/07/1981)      |
| OPEN   | June 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (06/08/1981-06/16/1981)      |
| OPEN   | June 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (06/17/1981-06/30/1981)      |
| OPEN   | July 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (07/01/1981-07/14/1981)      |
| OPEN   | July 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (07/15/1981-07/22/1981)      |
| OPEN   | July 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (07/23/1981-07/31/1981)      |
| OPEN   | August 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (08/01/1981-08/10/1981)    |
| OPEN   | August 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (08/11/1981-08/17/1981)    |
| OPEN   | August 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (08/18/1981-08/31/1981)    |
| OPEN   | September 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (09/01/1981-09/07/1981) |
| OPEN   | September 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (09/08/1981-09/14/1981) |
| OPEN   | September 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (09/15/1981-09/21/1981) |
| OPEN   | September 1981 – Weidenbaum Chron File (09/22/1981-09/30/1981) |



**Box 12**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN          | October 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (10/01/1981-10/07/1981)  |
| OPEN          | October 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (10/08/1981-10/17/1981)  |
| OPEN          | October 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (10/18/1981-10/31/1981)  |
| OPEN          | November 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (11/01/1981-11/09/1981) |
| OPEN          | November 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (11/10/1981-11/30/1981) |
| OPEN          | December 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (12/01/1981-12/07/1981) |
| OPEN          | December 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (12/08/1981-12/20/1981) |
| OPEN          | December 1981 - Weidenbaum Chron File (12/21/1981-12/31/1981) |
| OPEN          | January 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (01/01/1982-01/06/1982)  |
| OPEN          | January 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (01/07/1982-01/17/1982)  |
| OPEN          | January 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (01/18/1982-01/31/1982)  |
| OPEN          | February 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/01/1982-02/09/1982) |
| OPEN          | February 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/10/1982-02/21/1982) |
| OPEN          | February 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/22/1982)            |
| OPEN          | February 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (02/23/1982-02/28/1982) |
| OPEN          | March 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/01/1982-03/09/1982)    |
| OPEN          | March 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/10/1982-03/11/1982)    |

|      | <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|------|---------------|--|
| OPEN |               | March 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/12/1982-03/16/1982) |
| OPEN |               | March 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (03/17/1982-03/31/1982) |
| OPEN |               | April 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (04/01/1982-04/16/1982) |
| OPEN |               | April 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (04/17/1982-04/30/1982) |

**Box 13**

|      | <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|------|---------------|---|
| OPEN |               | May 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (05/01/1982-05/05/1982)    |
| OPEN |               | May 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (05/06/1982-05/31/1982)    |
| OPEN |               | June 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (06/01/1982-06/20/1982)   |
| OPEN |               | June 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (06/21/1982-06/30/1982)   |
| OPEN |               | July 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (07/01/1982-07/12/1982)   |
| OPEN |               | July 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (07/13/1982-07/31/1982)   |
| OPEN |               | August 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (08/01/1982-08/12/1982) |
| OPEN |               | August 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (08/13/1982-08/31/1982) |
| OPEN |               | September 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (empty)              |
| OPEN |               | October 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (empty)                |
| OPEN |               | November 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (empty)               |
| OPEN |               | December 1982 - Weidenbaum Chron File (empty)               |

**SERIES IV: SUBJECT FILE, 1981-82**

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**Box 13, cont.**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                                    |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN          | Good-bye Letters (1)(2)                         |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (01/21/1981-04/06/1981) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (04/07/1981-05/17/1981) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (05/18/1981-09/30/1981) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (10/01/1981-01/31/1982) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (02/01/1982-03/08/1982) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (03/09/1982-04/13/1982) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (04/14/1982-05/20/1982) |
| OPEN          | Letters of Appreciation (05/21/1982-07/20/1982) |
| OPEN          | Personnel Management Matters (General)          |

**Box 14**

| <b>Status</b> | <b>Title</b>                |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| OPEN          | Reference Letters           |
| OPEN          | Travel (Weidenbaum) (1)-(4) |