



## **Riggs, Douglas A.: Files, 1983-1985**

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### **Record Type**

Textual

### **Biography**

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Born in Rigby, Idaho in 1944, Douglas A. Riggs received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in 1966 and a master's degree in labor relations from West Virginia University in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970. Following military service, Riggs attended law school at Cornell University receiving his law degree in 1973. Riggs moved to Anchorage, Alaska to work as an associate in a private law practice where he focused on labor relations and the TransAlaska Pipeline System. In 1975 he served as General Counsel and subsequently as Executive Director of the Alaska State Housing Authority. From 1977 to 1979 Mr. Riggs served as Special Counsel and Administrative Assistant to Governor Jay Hammond of Alaska. In 1980 he was a partner in the law firm Bogle & Gates with a focus on corporate matters, including representation of management in labor relations.

Riggs replaced Robert Bonatati in the White House Office of Public Liaison in July 1983 as an associate director before being promoted to Special Assistant to the President in November 1983. Riggs was responsible for liaison between the White House and organized labor, veterans, military service groups, sportsmen, fraternal organizations, nuclear power industry, the maritime industry, the American overseas community and other special constituent groups. He was responsible for enhancing the relationship between these groups and the White House while developing support for President Reagan and his policies.

Following a nomination by President Reagan and eventual confirmation by the United States Senate in May 1985, Mr. Riggs served as General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce. He served as the chief legal officer of the Department and the legal adviser to Secretary Malcolm Baldrige. His duties included coordinating the legislative and regulatory programs of the Department. In 1988 Mr. Riggs joined Pitney Bowes Inc. where he served as General Counsel, Secretary, Corporate Communications Officer, and Corporate Planning Officer, and in 1996 became Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer until 2000. Currently Mr. Riggs is an attorney at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi with a specialization in corporate governanc

## **Scope and Content Note**

Riggs' files consists of two series: SERIES I: Correspondence and Memoranda; SERIES II: Subject File.

## **Series List**

### **SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA**

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### **SERIES II: SUBJECT FILE**

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### **Box 1**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	June 1983-September 1983 Incoming Correspondence
CLOSED	October 1983 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)
CLOSED	[November 1983-December 1983 Incoming Correspondence]
CLOSED	January 1984 Incoming Correspondence
CLOSED	February 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(4)
CLOSED	March 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(5)

### **Box 2**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	April 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(4)
CLOSED	May 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(4)
CLOSED	June 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(4)
CLOSED	July 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)

### **Box 3**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	July 1984 Incoming Correspondence (2)(3)
CLOSED	August 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)-(4)
CLOSED	September 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)
CLOSED	October 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)
CLOSED	November 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)
CLOSED	December 1984 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	December 1984 Incoming Correspondence (3)January 1985 Incoming Correspondence
CLOSED	February 1985 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	[March 1985 Incoming Correspondence (1)(2)[April 1985 Incoming Correspondence]
CLOSED	July 1983August 1983 Correspondence [Outgoing]
CLOSED	September 1983 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)-(3)
CLOSED	October 1983 Correspondence [Outgoing]
CLOSED	November 1983 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)(2)
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CLOSED	April 1984 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)-(3)
CLOSED	May 1984 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)(2)

#### **Box 6**

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CLOSED	May 1984 Correspondence [Outgoing] (3)-(6)
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CLOSED	August 1984 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)-(3)

#### **Box 7**

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CLOSED	September 1984 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)-(4)
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#### **Box 8**

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CLOSED	March 1985 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)(2)
CLOSED	April 1985 Correspondence [Outgoing] (1)(2)

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CLOSED	August 1983September 1983 Memorandums (1)(2)
CLOSED	October 1983 Memorandums (1)-(3)
CLOSED	November 1983 Memorandums (1)

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CLOSED	January 1984 Memorandums (1)-(3)
CLOSED	February 1984 Memorandums (1)-(3)
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**Box 10**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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CLOSED	August 1984 Memorandums (1)-(4)

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CLOSED	December 1984 Memorandums
CLOSED	January 1985 Memorandums (1)(2)

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CLOSED	February 1985 Memorandums (1)(2)
CLOSED	March 1985 Memorandums (1)(2)
CLOSED	April 1985 Memorandums

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	Age 60 RuleAlaska Pension Funds (1)(2)
CLOSED	<i>AFLCIO News</i> 11/10/1984 Issue
CLOSED	[American Legion, New York - 1984 Meeting with Riggs - Petitions] (1)-(8)

**Box 13**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	[American Legion, New York - 1984 Meeting with Riggs - Petitions] (9)-(14)
CLOSED	Armor Piercing Bullet (1)(2)
CLOSED	Boys Nation/Justis
CLOSED	Cottage Industry/Antosh
CLOSED	Davis/Bacon [Davis Bacon Act]
CLOSED	Economic Recovery Speaking Points (1)(2)
CLOSED	Fifty Mile Rule (1)(2)
CLOSED	Firefighters
CLOSED	Fraternal Organizations

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CLOSED	Gift Record of Items Given to Riggs
CLOSED	Joseph Karel Hasek
CLOSED	Hobbs Act (1)(2)
CLOSED	Jaycees (1)(2)
CLOSED	Labor Appointments (1983-1984)
CLOSED	Local Labor Leaders (1)-(4)
CLOSED	List of Labor Leaders (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Labor Publications
CLOSED	Labor Strategy (1)-(4)

**Box 15**

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CLOSED	Legal Liaison (1)(2)
CLOSED	Liaison with American Community (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Maritime (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Maritime Act of 1983
CLOSED	Maritime Alaska Bill (1)(2)
CLOSED	Maritime Boggs Bill
CLOSED	Maritime CDS (Construction Differential Subsidy) Payback (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Maritime] Cove Shipping (1)

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CLOSED	[Maritime] Cove Shipping (2)(3)
CLOSED	Maritime Cunard Bill
CLOSED	Maritime Notes
CLOSED	Maritime Reagan/Bush Promises
CLOSED	Maritime Suggested Policy Goals (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Maritime: Who is Who
CLOSED	Mooseheart Information
CLOSED	MX File (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Federation of Independent Unions - 04/11/1983
CLOSED	National Labor Relations Act
CLOSED	National Labor Relations Board (1)-(3)

**Box 17**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	National League of Postmasters
CLOSED	Nuclear Power Assembly Meeting (1)-(3)
CLOSED	History of Old Executive Building
CLOSED	Operating Differential Subsidy
CLOSED	Pershing Hall
CLOSED	Phelps/Dodge Teamsters
CLOSED	Private Organization List



<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	Projected Schedules (09/16/198301/12/1984)
CLOSED	Projected Schedules (01/13/198402/05/1984)
CLOSED	Projected Schedules (02/06/198403/01/1984)
CLOSED	Projected Schedules (03/02/198403/11/1984)
CLOSED	Projected Schedules (03/12/198409/13/1984)
CLOSED	Rotary International
CLOSED	Schedule Proposals (03/08/198302/26/1984)
CLOSED	Schedule Proposals (02/27/198405/11/1984)
CLOSED	Sportsmen's Groups
CLOSED	Taxi Vouchers
CLOSED	Travel Vouchers (1)(2)

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CLOSED	Travel Vouchers (3)-(6)
CLOSED	United Mine Workers Voting Rights of Military Personnel