



Cribb, T. Kenneth, Jr.: Files, 1982-1985

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Biography

Biography

T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr. served President Ronald Reagan for almost the entire Administration in the Office of Cabinet Affairs, the Office of the Counselor to the President and the Office of Domestic Affairs.

Born in 1948, T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr., is a native of South Carolina. He received a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Cribb graduated in 1970 from Washington and Lee University and took his first job as national director of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) from 1971 to 1977. ISI is an adjunct educational organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of core American and Western values or “educating for liberty,” as their mission states. He left ISI to complete his law degree at UVA, graduating in 1980. During that year he also served as deputy to the chief counsel of the Reagan campaign.

In the Reagan White House, Chief of Staff James Baker, Counsellor to the President Edwin Meese III, and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael K. Deaver formed a senior staff triumvirate which came to be called “the Troika. Meese’s responsibilities included the overseeing of relations between the White House and the Cabinet; organizing and running the cabinet council system of government Reagan preferred and overview of policy, planning, strategy and for the first year of the administration national security policy. Meese had a small, loosely organized staff to assist him in these functions.

Cribb began working in the Office of the Counsellor in 1981, focusing on cabinet affairs. Early in the Administration this sub-office was established as its own entity and Cribb became the first Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs. In 1982, he returned to the Office of the Counselor to work directly for Ed Meese as an Assistant Counselor to the President. When Meese left the White House in 1985 to become Attorney General, Cribb followed him to the Department of Justice as “Counselor to the Attorney General.”

Cribb left the Department of Justice in late 1986 and worked briefly on Wall Street as an attorney. He was recruited back to the Reagan Administration in early 1987 to be Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and the Director of the Office of

Domestic Affairs.

In 1984, President Reagan appointed Cribb to the Board of Governors for the American Red Cross. He served two three-year terms while simultaneously working for the White House and the Department of Justice.

Cribb has a long and varied association with conservative organizations and promotion of conservative education since leaving the White House. He served as President of ISI from 1989-2011, and served on its board until May 2012. During his tenure, ISI expanded its educational programs. He served as vice chairman of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board from 1989 to 1992.

Cribb was president of the Collegiate Network, an association of alternative college newspapers; president of the Council for National Policy, a conservative umbrella organization; member of the Board of Advisors for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education; is counselor to the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, a conservative legal organization. Cribb also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal, an educational organization that continues the intellectual legacy of noted conservative icon Russell Kirk, and on the Board of Visitors of [Ralston College](#), a start-up liberal-arts college in Savannah. He served as President of the Philadelphia Society.

Cribb has been published in the *National Review*, *The American Spectator*, *The Intercollegiate Review*, *Modern Age*, and *Human Events*.

Scope and Content Note

The scope of this collection is very limited in comparison to Cribb's other collections in the Office of Cabinet Affairs and the Domestic Affairs Office. Cribb's chronological file within this collection does not cover his entire term. The Library believes it is possible Cribb removed material to take with him when he followed Edwin Meese to the Department of Justice.

This collection consists of two series: SERIES I: Subject File and SERIES II Chronological File.

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SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

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OPEN	[Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, 05/05/1982, re: Versailles Summit, Economic & Financial/Agriculture Sector, Latin American Debt]
OPEN	[Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs, 05/20/1982 re: LDC Financial Problems, Polish & East European Debt, OECD & IMF Meetings]
OPEN	CCMA Grace Commission Reviews
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CLOSED	Olson, Theodore
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