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Biographical / Historical

Roone Pinckney Arledge Jr. was born on July 8, 1931 in Forest Hill,s Queens. His father was a lawyer for equitable Life Insurance and his mother, Gertrude, was a housewife. The family moved to Merrick, Long Island where Arledge attended Mepham High School. Arledge went to Columbia College where he majored in Foreign Affairs, Politics and Government, and the Humanities. During his undergraduate years, he was a member, and eventually president, of Phi Gamma Delta, a member of the Class Steering Committee, and received Gold and Silver King's Crowns for extracurricular leadership. He was also editor of both the Columbian (the yearbook) and The Spectator (the campus newspaper). Arledge attended Columbia from 1948 to 1952; however, he officially graduated in 1954. Arledge also pursued graduate work at the

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School of International Affairs, Columbia University. He specialized in the Near and Middle East, but did not complete the program.

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Biographical / Historical

Arledge first started working in television in December 1952 for the DuMont Television Network. He was the assistant to the Associate Director of Programming and Production. His duties included managing the budget for select shows, paying talent, and general administrative work.

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In March of 1953, Arledge was conscripted to the United States Army. There he served as Chief of the Radio and Television Section of the Public Information Office at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. In this role, Arledge distributed information with regard to the United States Army Ordnance Corps, its weapons, training and other relevant issues to local radio stations and television networks. He also produced, directed, and wrote a thrice-weekly radio program. Arledge received a Good Conduct medal in December of 1954 and a National Defense Service Medal. During this time, Arledge married his first wife, Joan Dorothy Heise. They would go on to have four children together: Roone Pinckney, Patricia Lu, Elizabeth Ann, and Susan Lee.

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Arledge was hired by NBC in 1954. Shortly after, he was transferred to the Army Reserve. At NBC, Arledge held a variety of positions. He was a stage manager, then unit Supervisor, and finally a staff producer/director. In this last position he produced a children's show entitled Hi Mom, Christmas at Rockefeller Center (featuring Dick Button who was later a commentator for Ice Skating at the ABC covered Olympics), Sunday's Schedule, election night coverage, and travel shows.

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Arledge also wrote several shows. Masterpiece dramatized stories on the creation of "high art" such as the Sistine Chapel. A second concept, For Men Only, would feature jazz music and present male-oriented topics. While both shows were unsuccessful, the latter caught the eye of Edgar J. Scherick who ran the sports division for ABC.

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In 1960 Arledge joined ABC Sports as a producer of NCAA football games. ABC was in financial trouble and, in terms of ratings, the weakest of the three major stations: ABC, CBS, and NBC. This was an opportune moment to enact change at ABC and throughout his career, Arledge did simply that. One year after being hired, Arledge created ABC's Wide World of Sports, one of the highest rated sports shows in television history. In 1968, Arledge became president of ABC Sports. Under his guidance, ABC Sports grew one of the most well-known and respected broadcasting organizations in the world. Arledge promoted the use of innovative camera techniques such as slow motion, freeze frame, instant replay, split-screen, incorporated underwater cameras during swimming competitions and utilized endzone cameras during football coverage.

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In addition to Wide World of Sports, Arledge brought football to primetime, a move that no one had attempted. With NFL Monday Night Football, a new era in sports broadcasting was opened. A key aspect of Arledge's impact was his use of commentators for sporting events. Previously, leagues had the right to approve announcers. Arledge ignored this trend and decided to use Howard Cosell against the views of the league. Along with Cosell, Jim McKay and Frank Gifford became household names as sports announcers. This technique, of using "star" personalities came into play when Arledge moved over to ABC News as well.

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Arledge and ABC Sports also presented major golf tournaments, Major League Baseball, championship boxing, the Indianapolis 500, racing, including the Kentucky Derby and ten Olympic Games. He was president of that division until 1986. While at ABC Sports, Arledge divorced his first wife and married Ann Fowler, a former Miss Alabama, in 1976.

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On June 1, 1977, in a wave of more unprecedented action, Arledge was named President of ABC News in addition to ABC Sports. In this role, he created the top shows World News Tonight, 20/20, Closeup, and Nightline. He was instrumental in building a team of top journalists and aggressively pursued anchors from other networks. Barbara Walters, Diane Sawyer, Peter Jennings, David Brinkley, and Ted Koppell all worked for Arledge. ABC News represented big names as well as big salaries, another first in the industry. Roone Arledge kept this position for almost ten years and maintained his role as President of ABC News for twenty.

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In 1997, David Westin was named President of ABC News and Arledge became Chair. Almost all of Arledge's news shows had received awards and the network itself had received the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for the overall commitment of excellence, the first time a news organization had been honored in that way. Arledge had won 37 Emmys, including the first life-time achievement Emmy ever granted, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Journalism Alumni Association, the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival for live television broadcasting, and the Silver Medal of the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee. He was quoted as saying his most treasured award was a George Foster Peabody Award--he received a total of four of these awards--given for coverage of the 1972 Olympics in Munich where eleven Israeli athletes were taken hostage and killed. ABC was the

only network able to transmit their broadcast out of Germany and link the rest of the world to the tragedy.

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Biographical / Historical

Arledge had battled prostate cancer in the last years of his life, conducting business mainly by phone, but nevertheless, staying in the thick of work. He died on November 5, 2002.

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Summary

The Roone Arledge Papers consist primarily of office material generated from his time as President of ABC News and ABC Sports. The bulk of the collection is comprised of correspondence, both internal to the corporation and external. Letters were exchanged between Arledge and other top management during all phases of a show: the creation, production, and maintenance. There are also topical files related to the management of the two divisions, such as financial records, program development documents, rating and industry reports, legal records, and trip itineraries for numerous business trips to Europe and Asia.

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On a broader level, there are records concerning Arledge's overall career at ABC. These consist of various awards and honors he received, research material on other television networks and stations, articles, and papers from professional organizations that he had been involved with.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in six series.

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- Legal documents
- Television journalists -- United States
- Arledge, Roone
- ABC News
- ABC Sports
- Philip Morris Incorporated

Collection Inventory

Series I: General, 1953-2002

Scope and Contents

This small series contains records with regard to Roone Arledge's career in the television industry as a whole. Within this series are articles about Roone Arledge, ABC NEWS, and ABC Sports, various awards Arledge received for his contributions to the field of broadcasting, personal records, such as his diploma from Columbia College and his military records, and speeches that he gave. There are also records pertaining to other news organizations in the United States, Europe, England, and Japan. Arledge was a board member of ESPN and A & E Television Networks and documents concerning his work for them may be found here as well.

Title/Description	Instances	
Articles		
1976	box 1	folder 1 to 2
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
1977	box 1	folder 3
1978	box 1	folder 4 to 5
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
1979	box 1	folder 6
1980	box 1	folder 7
1981-2001	box 2	folder 1
Awards		
Alexander Hamilton Medal, 1998 November 18	box 2	folder 2
Boston University Honorary Degree, 1991	box 2	folder 3
Center for Communication, Inc., 1996-1997	box 2	folder 4
George Foster Peabody Broadcasting Award, 1976, 1984, 1976, 1984	folder 14- O-1	
International Radio and Television Society, 1983	box 2	folder 5
The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (Emmy Awards), 1979-2002	box 2	folder 6
National Press Foundation, 1990-1991	box 2	folder 7
The New York State Broadcasters Association, Inc., 2001	box 2	folder 8
News World Lifetime Achievement Award, 1998	box 2	folder 9
Olympics, 1980-1988	box 2	folder 10
Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award, 2001	box 2	folder 11
The Radio and Television News Directors Foundation, 1998	box 2	folder 12
The Television Academy Hall of Fame, 1989	box 2	folder 13
Walter Cronkite Award, 1997	box 2	folder 14

Canadian Embassy Dinner, [1983]	box 2	folder 15
Carter, Jimmy, 1993-2002	box 2	folder 16
Certificates, 1969-1977	folder 14- O-1	
Columbia University Diploma, 1954 February 24	box 2	folder 17
Council on Foreign Relations		
General, 2000-2002 <u>Physical Description</u> : (4 Folders)	box 3	folder 1 to 4
Committee on Corporate Affairs and Development, 2000-2002	box 3	folder 5
Committee on Meetings and Media Projects, 1997-2002	box 3	folder 6
Delegation to Turkey and Israel, 1999	box 4	folder 1
International Advisory Board, 1998-2000	box 4	folder 2
House Sub-Committee on Telecommunications Testimony, 1987-1989	box 4	folder 3
Interviews, undated, 1999	box 4	folder 4
John Kennedy School of Government, 1998-2002 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 Folders)	box 4	folder 5 to 7
Memoirs, 1984-2002	box 5	folder 1
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1987-2000	box 5	folder 2
Military Records, 1953-1955	box 5	folder 3
The Museum of Television and Radio, 1993-1994	box 5	folder 4
News Organizations		
BBCGeneral, 1993-2001 <u>Physical Description</u> : (4 Folders)	box 5	folder 5 to 8
BBCEmployees, 1997	box 6	folder 1
British Sky Broadcasting, 1991-1994	box 6	folder 2 to 3
Canal Plus, 1991-1993	box 6	folder 4
CNN, 1996-1998	box 6	folder 5
Fox Broadcasting, 1991-1994	box 6	folder 6
Fujisankei Communications International, Inc., 1999-2000	box 6	folder 7
Independent Television News Ltd., 1992-1999	box 6	folder 8
Nine Network Australia Limited, 1991-1994	box 6	folder 9
Nippon Hoso Kyokai, 1991-1995	box 6	folder 10

Reuters, 1993-1996	box 7	folder 1
Non-ABC Professional WorkA & E Television Networks Management Committee, 1998-2002	box 7	folder 2 to 3
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Non-ABC Professional WorkESPN, 2001-2002	box 7	folder 4 to 5
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Resume, 1954-1960	box 7	folder 6
Speeches		
General, 1996-2001	box 7	
Wake Forest University, 1988	box 8	folder 1
Wake Forest UniversityPoster, 1988 September 8	box 8	folder 14- O-1
Trips		
German Television, 1992-2001	box 8	folder 2
Nicklaus/Flick Golf School, 1995-1996	box 8	folder 3
Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, 1991-1999	box 8	folder 4
Washington Press Club Dinner, 1995	box 8	folder 5

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Series II: Correspondence, 1954-2002

Scope and Contents

Series II is the largest of the collection. The letters held here date from Roone Arledge's time at ABC as head of both the sports and news division. In general, the correspondence, while large in bulk, is limited in content. The letters consist primarily of the type of letters an executive would be professionally obligated to send, such as congratulatory notes to colleagues within and outside of the company, thank you letters for corporate gifts, letters of inquiry from individuals wanting to work at ABC, and complaints from all manners of citizens. This series is divided into two subseries: Topical and Chronological. Please note that individuals listed in Subseries II.1 may be found in Subseries II.2.

Subseries II.1: Alphabetical, 1982-2001

Scope and Contents

Subseries II.1 is arranged alphabetical by an individual's last name or by topic. Letters listed by a name may be correspondence exchanged to and from that person or about that person. These individuals are mainly other ABC senior executives and administrative staff as well as numerous anchors. Notable individuals include Peter Jennings, Barbara Walter, Diane Sawyer, Ted Koppel, and Robert Iger.

Title/Description	Instances	
Baker, Barry, 1997 July	box 8	folder 6

Cosell, Howard, 1982 December-1985 April	box 8	folder 7
Downs, Hugh, 1992 August-1998 January	box 8	folder 8
Friedman, Paul, 1991 August-1993 October	box 8	folder 9
Goodman, Roger, 1990 March-1994 July	box 8	folder 10
Granum, Rex, 1995 September-1996 December	box 8	folder 11
Iger, Robert, 1994 March-1998 August	box 8	folder 12
International Radio and Television Society Award, 1982 November-1983 March	box 8	folder 13
Jennings, Peter, 1991 September-2001 February	box 8	folder 14
Kipper, Judith, 1991 July-1998 February	box 9	folder 1
Koppel, Ted, 1988 August-1996 April	box 9	folder 2
Nine Sundays, 1991 September	box 9	folder 3
O'Neil, Terry, 1994 August-1996 February	box 9	folder 4
Patterson, Neil, 1997 September-1999 May	box 9	folder 5
Personal, 1981 August-1994 January	box 9	folder 6 to 7
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Sawyer, Diane, 1989 February-2000 March	box 9	folder 8
Sawyer, Forrest, 1993 February-1997 August	box 9	folder 9
Sias, John, 1990 December-1991 February	box 9	folder 10
Stossel, John, 1992 June-1995 February	box 10	folder 1
Temple, Bill, 1996 January-1997 March	box 10	folder 2
Wald, Richard, 1993 December-1999 November	box 10	folder 3 to 4
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Walters, Barbara, 1987 March-1999 January	box 10	folder 5
Westin, David, 1994 October-2000 August	box 10	folder 6
Zucker, John, 1994 October-1997 July	box 10	folder 7

Subseries II.2: Chronological, 1954-2002

Scope and Contents

The correspondence contained in this subseries is primarily external. The majority of the letters are requests for Arledge to research certain topics for potential inclusion in one of ABC's news shows, attend fundraising functions, accept ideas for new shows, or participate in a conference or lecture series. There are also complaints from viewers and, to a lesser extent, complimentary letters. The

interoffice correspondence consists of lengthy memos, many of which have multiple notes written on them from different senior executives.

Title/Description	Instances	
Incoming		
1976 February-1981 December	box 11	folder 1
1984 January-December	box 11	folder 2 to 3
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
1985		
January-March	box 11	folder 4
March-May	box 11	folder 5
June-September	box 11	folder 6
September-December	box 11	folder 7
1986 January-September	box 12	folder 1
1986 April-1987 May	box 12	folder 2
1986 July-December	box 12	folder 3
1988 January-July	box 12	folder 4
1988 August-December	box 12	folder 5
Memos, 1989 January-September	box 13	folder 1
Memos, 1989 October-December	box 13	folder 2
1989 January-September	box 13	folder 3
1989 October-December	box 13	folder 4
Memos, 1990 January-June	box 13	folder 5
Memos, 1990 July-December	box 13	folder 6
1990		
January-February	box 14	folder 1
March-April	box 14	folder 2
June-September	box 14	folder 3
October-December	box 14	folder 4
Memos, 1991 January-May	box 14	folder 5
Memos, 1991 July-September	box 14	folder 6
1991 January-June	box 15	folder 1
1991 October-December	box 15	folder 2
Memos, 1992 February-September	box 15	folder 3

1992 January-June	box 15	folder 4
1992 July-November	box 15	folder 5
Memos, 1993-1998	box 15	folder 6
1993 January-November	box 15	folder 7
1994 January-December	box 16	folder 1
1995 January-August	box 16	folder 2
1995 September-December	box 16	folder 3
Outgoing		
1954 January-1961 June	box 16	folder 4
Memos, 1978 October-1983 June	box 16	folder 5
Memos, 1984 February-1987 December	box 16	folder 6
1984 January-May	box 16	folder 7
1984 June-August	box 17	folder 1
1984 September-December	box 17	folder 2
1985 January-April	box 17	folder 3
1985 Mary-September, 1985	box 17	folder 4
1985 October-December	box 17	folder 5
1986 January-June	box 17	folder 6
1986 July-December	box 17	folder 7
1987 January-June	box 18	folder 1
1987 July-December	box 18	folder 2
Memos, 1988 June-December	box 18	folder 3
1988 February-July	box 18	folder 4
1988 August-November	box 18	folder 5
Memos, 1989 January-December	box 18	folder 6
1989 July-October	box 18	folder 7
Memos, 1990 April-August	box 18	folder 8
1990 May-December	box 18	folder 9
Memos, 1991 April-June	box 19	folder 1
1991 January-July	box 19	folder 2
1991 August-December	box 19	folder 3
Memos, 1992 January-December	box 19	folder 4

1992 January-April	box 19	folder 5
1992 June-December	box 19	folder 6
1993 January-December	box 19	folder 7
1994 January-September	box 19	folder 8
1994 October-December	box 20	folder 1
1995 January-December	box 20	folder 2
1996 January-June	box 20	folder 3
1996 July-December	box 20	folder 4
Memos, 1997-2000	box 20	folder 5
1997 January-December	box 20	folder 6
1998 January-1999 February	box 21	folder 1
Incoming and Outgoing, 1997 January-1999 November	box 21	folder 2 to 3
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Incoming and Outgoing, 2000 January-2002 August	box 21	folder 4 to 5
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		

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Series III: ABC News, 1977-2002

Scope and Contents

Series III is comprised of topical files documenting Roone Arledge's time as President of ABC News. Included are financial records, such as operating budgets and long range plans, program development for potential news shows, legal documents from several lawsuits, concerning predominantly the Food Lion and Philip Morris cases, and documents in regards to various trips Arledge conducted. Of note are Arledge's appointment books that were maintained by his personal assistant. These books contain Arledge's numerous appointments, meetings, trips and other activities related to his work at ABC. Often, names of individuals who participated in these activities are listed as well. The notebooks provide insight into how Arledge organized his time as well as show the amount of coordination involved in being President of ABC News.

Title/Description	Instances	
ABC Affiliate News Director Advisory Board, 1994-1998	box 21	folder 6
Anchors, 1988-2000	box 21	folder 7
AOL Merger, 1996-1997	box 22	folder 1
Appointment Books		
1977	box 22	folder 2
1978	box 22	folder 3

1979	box 22	folder 4
1980	box 22	folder 5
1981	box 22	folder 6
1982	box 22	folder 7
1983	box 23	folder 1
1983	box 23	folder 2
1984	box 23	folder 3
1985	box 23	folder 4
1986	box 23	folder 5
1987	box 23	folder 6
1988	box 24	folder 1
1988	box 24	folder 2
1989	box 24	folder 3
1990	box 24	folder 4
1991	box 24	folder 5
1992	box 24	folder 6
1993	box 25	folder 1
1993	box 25	folder 2
1994	box 25	folder 3
1995	box 25	folder 4
1996	box 25	folder 6
1997	box 25	folder 7
1998	box 26	folder 1
1999	box 26	folder 2
2000	box 26	folder 3
2001	box 26	folder 4
2002	box 26	folder 5
Finances		
5-Year Plan, 1996	box 26	folder 6
Forecast, 1998	box 26	folder 7
Forecast, 1999	box 27	folder 1
Long Range Plan, 1995-1996	box 27	folder 2

Long Range Plan, 1998	box 27	folder 3
Operating Budget, 1998	box 27	folder 4
Operating Budget, 1999	box 27	folder 5
Government, 1979-1980	box 27	folder 6
Gulf War, 1991	box 28	folder 1
Investigative Team, 1998	box 28	folder 2
Lawsuits		
General, 1994-1995	box 28	folder 3
Food Lion, 1996-1997	box 28	folder 4
Philip Morris		
Articles	box 28	folder 5
Call Registers		
1992 August 12	box 28	folder 6
1992 October-December	box 28	folder 7
1992 December-1993 February	box 28	folder 8
1992 December-1994 January	box 29	folder 1
1993 February-April	box 29	folder 2
1993 April-June	box 29	folder 3
1993 June-August	box 29	folder 4
1993 August-October	box 29	folder 5
1993 November-1994 January	box 29	folder 6
1994 January-1995 January	box 29	folder 7
1994 January-March	box 29	folder 8
1994 March-May	box 29	folder 9
1994 May-July	box 30	folder 1
Undated	box 30	folder 2
Correspondence, 1994 August-1995 August	box 30	folder 3
Press Releases, 1995	box 30	folder 4
Transcripts	box 30	folder 5
National Town Meeting, 1991-1993	box 30	folder 6
NewsOne, 1986-1994	box 30	folder 7
NewsWorld, 1999-2000	box 30	folder 8

Notebooks, undated	box 30	folder 9
Political CoverageGeneral, 1978-1992	box 31	folder 1 to 2
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Political CoverageCheney, Dick, 1991	box 31	folder 3
Program Development		
General, 1987-1992	box 31	folder 4 to 5
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
24-Hour News, 1996	box 31	folder 6 to 7
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
Moments of Crisis, 1992-1993	box 32	folder 1
Saturday Shows, 1997-1998	box 32	folder 2
Seven Days , 1996	box 32	folder 3
Turning Point , 1993-1994	box 32	folder 4
Shows		
20/20 , 1985-1990	box 32	folder 5
Good Morning America , 1996-1998	box 32	folder 6
Nightline , 1993-2002	box 32	folder 7
Sunday Morning Show , 1997-1998	box 33	folder 1
World News Tonight , 1993-1997	box 33	folder 2
Trips		
ABC Dinner, 1994-1997	box 33	folder 3
Affiliate Stations, 1996	box 33	folder 4
Berlin, 1995	box 33	folder 5
China, 1979-1995	box 33	folder 6
Cuba, 1997	box 33	folder 7
Ireland, 1989-1996	box 33	folder 8
Jerusalem Conference, 1985	box 33	folder 9
Moscow, 1985-1998	box 33	folder 10 to
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		11
Worldwide Television News, 1998-2002	box 34	folder 1
Washington D.C. Bureau, 1996-1998	box 34	folder 2

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Series IV: ABC Sports, 1961-2001

Scope and Contents

This small series holds topical files in regards to ABC Sports. General administrative records, records pertaining to the NFL, *Monday Night Football, Wide World of Sports*, and the network coverage of the Goodwill Games, championship boxing, and Major League Baseball are found in this series. There is also documentation of the many Olympic Games that were covered including Calgary, Seoul, Los Angeles, and Sarajevo. The Olympic records illustrate the amount of synchronization and planning that Roone Arledge and his team were required to do in order to cover the multiple competitions occurring at the event. Additionally, there are transcripts of testimonies by Howard Cosell and Roone Arledge, correspondence, and accompanying documents concerning the Subcommittee on Communications' review of the Communications Act of 1934, particularly with regard to in particular how television networks (and, in this case, sports divisions) obtained programming

Title/Description	Instances	
General Administrative Records, 1977-1986	box 34	folder 3
Articles, 1986-1988	box 34	folder 4
Baseball, 1983-1989	box 34	folder 5
Boxing, 1977-1983	box 34	folder 6
Contract, 1966 September 1	box 34	folder 7
Cosell, Howard, 1995	box 34	folder 8
Goodwill Games, 1984-1988	box 34	folder 9
Hall of Fame Dinner, 1985	box 34	folder 10
Korea, 1982-1987	box 34	folder 11
NFL		
General, 1967-1971	box 34	folder 12 to
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		13
Correspondence, 1980 February-1984 June	box 35	folder 1
Rozelle Meetings, 1985	box 35	folder 2
Olympics		
General, 1976-1984	box 35	folder 3
Baden, 1981-1988	box 35	folder 4
Barcelona, 1984-1992	box 35	folder 5
Calgary, 1982-1988	box 35	folder 6 to 8
Physical Description: (3 Folders)		
Hall of Fame, 1982-1989	box 36	folder 1

Innsbruck, 1973-1976	box 36	folder 2
Los Angeles, 1983-1984	box 36	folder 3
Meetings, 1984-1985	box 36	folder 4
Olympic Moments, 1985-1987	box 36	folder 5
Sarajevo, 1980-1984	box 36	folder 6 to 7
Seoul, 1984-1985	box 36	folder 8
Skycam, 1983-1985	box 37	folder 1
Subcommittee Hearings, 1976-1978 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 Folders)	box 37	folder 2 to 4
United States Football League (USFL)General, 1982-1986 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	folder 5 to 6	
Court Transcripts, 1986 June 11	box 37	folder 7
USFLCourt Transcripts, 1986 June 12	box 38	folder 1
Wide World of Sports, 1961-2001	box 38	folder 2

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Series V: Photographs, 1984-1994

Scope and Contents

There are a small number of photographs within this collection. Most were taken while Arledge was receiving some type of recognition, such as his honorary degree from Boston University. There are also photographs from his visit to the White House and the meeting with executives from the Japan-based television network, Nippon Hoso Kyokai.

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1984-1986	box 38 folder 3	
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Series VI: Memorabilia and Realia, 1989-1998

Scope and Contents

This series is composed of several objects such as commemorative stamps and an award given by the Wrestling Hall of Fame. Of particular interest are several sets of Russian nesting dolls acquired in one of Roone Arledge's many trips to Moscow. These *matreshka* " depict political leaders who have had an impact on Russia's cultural and political history. Examples include Mikhail Gorbachev and his cabinet

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members, Stalin, chief prosecutors (with the names of those that were killed during their time), and the successive heads of numerous secret police organizations leading up to the KGB.

Title/Description	Instances	
Nobel Peace Prize Stamps, 1989 March 17	box 38	folder 5
Russian Nesting Dolls, 1980s	box 39	
Wrestling Hall of Fame, 1992	box 40	
Harvard College. Award of the David Mahoney Prize for Public Education in Nueroscience to Roon Arledge, 1998	box 41	
Happy Holidays from the Harlem Globetrotters, 1988	box 41	

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Inscribed from Earl Duryea to Roone Arledge,

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