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## Wayne Phillips, 63, Journalist and U.S. Official

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Wayne Phillips, a former chief of public affairs in the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and a former reporter for The New York Times, died of a degenerative disorder of the nervous system Monday at the Tower Nursing Home, Charlottesville, Va. He was 63 years old and lived in Reston, Va.

Mr. Phillips, a native of Watertown, Mass., worked for several newspapers, including The Denver Post, before he became a reporter for The Times in 1951. He worked at The Times for 10 years; his major areas of coverage were housing and politics.

In 1961 he joined the Housing and Home Finance Agency in 1961 as a special assistant to Robert C. Weaver, who was the agency's Administrator at the time.

Mr. Phillips later worked as director of information for the Democratic National Committee. In 1966, Mr. Weaver, then Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, named Mr. Phillips chief of the department's news and communications service.

Mr. Phillips also worked for Life magazine and as director of special projects for the American Stock Exchange. He returned to Government work under the

Carter Administration and retired on disability in 1985 from the Merit System Protection Board.

He was a graduate of Harvard College and received master's degrees from the Columbia University School of Journalism and Columbia's Russian Institute. He was a member of the Society of Architectural Historians.

He was a former president of the Alumni Association of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, where he taught for a number of years.

He was married six times and is survived by five children.

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