

NOFZIGER, FRANKLYN (LYN) C.: Files, 1981 – REAGAN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

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Office of Political Affairs, Director

Biography

Franklyn “Lyn” Nofziger was born on June 8, 1924 in Bakersfield, California. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. After leaving the Army, he enrolled in San Jose State College in San Jose, California where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. For the next sixteen years of his life, Nofziger worked as a reporter, editor, and Washington correspondent for the California based Copley newspaper chain.

In 1966, Nofziger began his first political work as press secretary for Ronald Reagan's gubernatorial campaign in California. After Reagan's win, Nofziger served for two years as Governor Reagan's Director of Communications. In 1969, Nofziger left California to serve in the Nixon White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations.

Leaving the White House in 1971, Nofziger became the Deputy Chairman for Communications for the Republican National Committee. In the 1972 Nixon Presidential re-election campaign, Nofziger worked as the executive director of the California Committee to Re-Elect the President.

For Reagan's bid for the 1976 Republican Presidential nomination, Nofziger served as campaign press secretary, convention director and director of the California campaign. After Gerald Ford won the Republican nomination, Nofziger assisted with the 1976 Ford-Dole campaign that fall.

Following the 1976 campaign, Nofziger served as executive vice chairman of Citizens for the Republic, a political action committee founded by Reagan to boost his candidacy in 1980. Nofziger served as deputy chairman for finance for the Reagan for President Organization and in the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign he served as director of the communications unit.

Following Reagan's election, Chief of Staff Jim Baker offered Nofziger the position of Assistant to the President for Political Affairs. Nofziger accepted the post and worked for the Reagan administration for one year, leaving on January 22, 1982. After leaving the White House, Nofziger worked as a senior consultant for the 1984 Reagan-Bush Re-Election Campaign and as a member of the 1985 Inaugural Committee. After Reagan left office, Nofziger continued his political work and ran political campaigns for both Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes.

Nofziger published his political memoirs, *Nofziger*, in October 1992. He also wrote four western

novels featuring a hero named Tackett.

Nofziger died at his home in Falls Church, Virginia on March 27, 2006 at the age of 81.

Scope and Content

Lyn Nofziger worked as Assistant to the President for Political Affairs from late January, 1981 until January 22, 1982. Ed Rollins served as his deputy and succeeded him when he resigned in 1982.

The Political Affairs Office assisted the President in the planning and coordination of his political activities as the leader of the Republican Party, including fund raisers and campaign support for Republican candidates. Also, in the early part of 1981, the Political Affairs Office assisted with personnel issues including hiring and firing, finding jobs for Reagan supporters, screening out those opposed to Reagan, and using the appointment process to keep the administration personnel committed to the positions outlined during the campaign.

This collection contains material relating to correspondence between Lyn Nofziger and the general public, congressmen, and other White House staff. The correspondence consists of requests, complaints and/or inquiries into possible employment with the Reagan administration; invitations to various events; complaints from the general public regarding solicitation requests received from Republican organizations; letters of recommendation for people seeking employment with the Reagan administration; Republican politicians seeking Presidential endorsements for their campaign; get-well letters to President Reagan following the assassination attempt; letters of congratulations to Lyn Nofziger on his public handling of the assassination attempt; requests to meet, schedule a photo opportunity, or receive letters or autographed pictures from President Reagan; recommendations, commendations, and critiques of policies and performance of White House staff; thank you letters from Lyn Nofziger to people who sent food, books, or other material items; and letters expressing sadness at Lyn's departure from the White House in January 1982. This collection also contains an oversize binder, divided into two oversize boxes, consisting of newspaper articles, letters, and memorandums regarding political corruption in California from 1973 to 1981.

The files are arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent and there under chronologically.

The Office of Political Affairs has not been fully arranged by the staff of the Reagan Library. It is possible more work product for Nofziger may be found at a later date.

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