

**Guide to the Post-Presidential Correspondence with
Ronald W. Reagan
(1974-1993)**

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Correspondence relating to and between Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan from the years 1974-1993. Topics discussed include the 1976 Republican National Convention, 1980-81 Presidential Transition, assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, and relations with the Soviet Union.

Administrative Information

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Biography

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913. After graduating from Whittier College in 1934, he attended Duke University Law School. After passing the bar exam he joined the firm of Bewley, Knoop, & Nixon in Whittier, CA, leaving to enter the Navy from 1942 to 1944. He was elected to Congress in 1947 serving until 1950. Richard Nixon then became a Senator (1951-1953) and in 1952 joined Dwight D. Eisenhower as the Vice-Presidential candidate on the Republican Presidential ticket. After losing a 1960 bid for the Presidency and a 1962 California Gubernatorial election, former Vice President Nixon joined the law firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin, and Todd in New York. Richard Nixon decided to enter the 1968 presidential election and was elected 37th President of the United States. He resigned; facing impeachment charges for possible involvement in a cover-up in August 1974 after the Watergate scandal broke.

After his resignation President Nixon wrote several best selling books. Beginning in the 1980's he served as an "elder statesman" offering his thoughts and opinions to various Presidents until his death in 1994.

Nixon biographical sketch compiled from *RN: A Memoir*, and the collection.

Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, to John (Jack) and Nelle Reagan. The Reagans finally settled in Dixon, Illinois. Ronald Reagan attended Eureka College, where he majored in Economics and Sociology. After graduating, he went back to Dixon and applied for a job as manager of the sports department at a Montgomery Ward, but was turned down. In the middle of the depression, Ronald Reagan began traveling across the Midwest looking for a job in radio. It was not long before "Dutch" Reagan could be heard broadcasting Big Ten football games. In 1937 a screen test lead him off to Hollywood, and over the next two decades he would appear in 53 films.

In 1964 Ronald Reagan gave a speech for Republican Presidential candidate Barry Goldwater and became a rising star within the Republican party's conservative movement. In 1966, he defeated incumbent Governor Pat Brown by nearly a million votes, and was re-elected in 1970 for a second term as the Governor of California.

In 1980, Governor Reagan became the Republican nominee for President and chose Texas Congressman George H. W. Bush as his running mate. Ronald Reagan defeated Jimmy Carter, winning 489 electoral votes to Carter's 49. On March 30, 1981, the President was shot outside the Washington Hilton Hotel. Ronald Reagan was rushed to George Washington Hospital, the bullet came

within an inch of his heart. Reagan left office in January, 1989 after completing his second term as President.

In 1994, President Reagan announced that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Ronald Reagan died on June 5, 2004, in Bel-Aire, California.

Reagan biography compiled from biographical sketch available at www.reaganranch.org.

Scope and Content Summary: This series contains correspondence relating to Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan beginning in 1974. The correspondence consists of letters, notes, articles, telegrams, and speeches. Topics include economic issues; the 1976 Republican National Convention; 1980-81 Presidential transition; cabinet appointments; 1981 Inaugural Address; the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan; 1982 Congressional elections; relations with the Soviet Union; birthday greetings; and the 1984 Presidential campaign.

Related Collections:

Post-presidential Correspondence with George H. W. Bush
(1964-1968; 1974-1993)

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Simi Valley, CA.

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