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Agency History
The Lieutenant Governor is a constitutional officer (Const. Art. V, Sec. 9). He assumes the duties and responsibilities of the Governor when the Governor is disabled or absent from the state. These duties include signing or vetoing legislation, making appointments to office, granting or denying clemency and performing the other functions granted to the Governor by custom, statute or constitution. As President of the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor is empowered to cast the tie-breaking vote in that body. He is also a member of the Governor's Cabinet and the Governor's Council, the highest advisory bodies in the executive branch.

Another duty, not specified by law, is that of unofficial ombudsman for the people of California. The Lieutenant Governor's office investigates the individual complaints of citizens against various departments of State government. He interprets the goals of the administration to interested groups: labor, partisan, social, business and civic throughout the state. He attempts to marshal the private and independent sectors of society to help solve problems in various areas, particularly youth and unemployment.

Statutorily, the Lieutenant Governor is both a Regent of the University of California (Const. Art. IX, Sec. 9a) and a Trustee of the California State Colleges and Universities (Stats. 1960, 1 Ex. Sess., ch. 49, p.393). As one of the few people to serve on both boards, he plays an active role in determining higher education policies.

The Lieutenant Governor is also a member of various boards and commissions by statute, constitution or gubernatorial appointment. These boards and commissions change with changing times and administrations.

Records of Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson

Scope and Content Note

Glenn M. Anderson was first elected Lieutenant Governor in 1958 and re-elected in 1962. Anderson was born in Hawthorne February 21, 1913. A graduate of U.C.L.A., he was the youngest mayor in the United States in 1940 when he was elected Mayor of Hawthorne. Although elected to the California Assembly in 1942, Anderson waived his legislative deferment in 1943 to join the Army as a private. After his discharge as a sergeant, Anderson was re-elected to the Assembly and served in the sessions of 1945, 1947 and 1949.

As Lieutenant Governor, Anderson served as a member of the State Lands Commission (Stats. 1941, ch. 548, p. 1876), California Toll Bridge Authority (Stats. 1947, ch. 176, p. 704), California Disaster Council (Stats. 1943, First Ex. Sess., ch. 1, p. 3379), Commission of the Californias (Stats. 1964, First Ex. Sess., ch. 139), California Reciprocity Commission (Stats. 1959, ch. 3), California Commission on Interstate Cooperation (Stats. 1939, ch 376, p. 1710) and the Reapportionment Commission (Const. Art. IV, Sec. 6).

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Physical Description: 38 ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, chronologically thereunder.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, thank yous, letters of congratulations to election winners, Eagle scouts, gubernatorial appointees, etc., requests for photos and autographs, requests for recommendations for gubernatorial appointments, citizens' complaints about State agencies, correspondence concerning Anderson's appearances at various functions; letters from Governor Edmund Brown notifying Anderson of the Governor's absences from the State.

Folder F3724:39-168


Physical Description: 130 ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereunder.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda from the Lieutenant Governor's staff, minutes of meetings of boards and commissions on which Anderson sat. Records relate to such subjects as Anderson's handling of the Watts riot when he was Acting Governor in Governor Brown's absence (1966); Anderson's disagreement with the Burn's Report (Senate Fact-Finding Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities) concerning alleged Communists and sexual deviants at the U.C. Berkeley campus; case-work to help resolve the problems of individual citizens with Welfare, Corrections, State Contractor's License Board and other state agencies; correspondence re. problems encountered in raising money in order to invite Spanish officials to the celebration of Father Junipero Serra's 200th birthday celebration. This series also includes information on Anderson's legislative activities in naming writers for sample ballot arguments for initiatives, accepting the resignations of State Senators, legislative bill analysis and testimony at legislative hearings.
Records of Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson

3. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR--ANDERSON, GLENN M. 1964.

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3. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR--ANDERSON, GLENN M. 1964.

Physical Description: One Item.

Scope and Content Note

One black and white 8×10 photographic print of Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson speaking before a realtor's group. April 20, 1964.

Records of Lieutenant Governor Robert H. Finch

Scope and Content Note

Robert H. Finch was elected Lieutenant Governor in his first try for a state-wide office in 1966. A graduate of Occidental College and the University of Southern California Law School, Finch, after service in the Marine Corps in World War II and Korea, organized his own law firm which specialized in corporate, financial and real estate law. Finch served as campaign chairman for George Murphy in 1964 and for Richard M. Nixon in his presidential campaign in 1960. In January, 1969, Finch resigned as Lieutenant Governor to join Nixon's administration where he served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and as White House aide.

As Lieutenant Governor, Finch was chairman of the Commission of the Californias, California Bicentennial Celebration Commission (Stats. 1967, ch. 212, p. 1338), and California Job Training and Placement Council. He was also a member of the State Lands Commission, California Toll Bridge Authority, California Disaster Council, Reapportionment Commission, California Reciprocity Commission, the California Commission on Interstate Cooperation and the Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Council on Urban Growth (Stats. 1963, ch. 1809).

All of Lieutenant Governor Finch's papers are subject to restricted use.

Folder F3724:170-212

1. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR--FINCH, ROBERT H., Subject Files. 1954-1969.

Physical Description: 43 ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereunder.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, press releases, minutes and agendas of boards and commissions on which Finch sat. Records relate to such subjects as the development of an Electronic Data Processing Master Plan for California State Government (1967-68), planning applications of the cities of Chino, Victorville and Walnut Grove to Intergovernmental Council on Urban Growth (1968-1969), implementation of the recommendations of the McConne Commission report on the Los Angeles riots (1965, 1968), the institution of tuition at California State Colleges and Universities (1967-68) and correspondence concerning citizen complaints and inquiries about welfare, unemployment insurance and state civil service.
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Physical Description: 40 ff.

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder.

The Commission for the Californias was created in 1964 to foster and develop relations between California and Baja California. The California delegation has 17 members - seven official voting members appointed by the Governor, five Assemblymen appointed by the Speaker and five Senators appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. In addition the Governor or the chairman of the Commission may appoint special representatives on the basis of their interest in or record of participation in good neighbor relations. Governor Reagan appointed Finch chairman of the California delegation in 1967.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, minutes and agendas of Commission meetings, reports of constituent committees, personnel records. Records contain correspondence and background material in the Pink Bollworm eradication program (1967), the embargo levied by the U.S. Customs on garments assembled below the border from U.S. manufactured textiles (1968), building of a Friendship highway along the border (1968). Includes personnel records of Commission staff and biographical material on California and Mexican Commission members.

Records of Lieutenant Governor John L. Harmer

Scope and Content Note
John L. Harmer was appointed Lieutenant Governor in October, 1974 after Reinecke's resignation. He was defeated in his bid for election to the office in his own right. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Harmer graduated from the University of Utah and received a law degree from George Washington University. Elected to the State Senate in 1966, Harmer served until his resignation to accept the office of Lieutenant Governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Harmer served as chairman of the Commission of the Californias, chairman of State E.D.P. Policy Committee, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Management (Governor's Executive Order R-17-69), Chairman, California Energy Planning Council, and several other boards and commissions on which he served in an ex officio capacity as Lieutenant Governor.

Folder F3724:253-272

1. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR--HARMER, JOHN L., General Correspondence. 1974.

Physical Description: 20 ff.

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereunder.

Copies of letters sent. Includes thank yous for help in his campaign; correspondence re. public appearances; letters of congratulations to gubernatorial appointees and election winners (including Mervyn Dymally); responses to citizen requests for assistance.

Folder F3724:273-309

2. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR--HARMER, JOHN L., Subject Files. 1974.

Physical Description: 37 ff.

Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, staff reports, memoranda, minutes of meetings, proposals for projects submitted to various State Government Agencies. Records contain information concerning the transfer of office to Mervyn Dymally's staff; correspondence on Harmer's political appearances before the primary election; reaction of voters pro-and-con to Harmer's televised debate with Dymally; referrals of citizens' complaints to the State agency involved; recommendations to the Governor concerning appointments.
Records of Lieutenant Governor Edwin A. Reinecke

Scope and Content Note

Lieutenant Governor Reinecke was born January 7, 1924. A Navy veteran of World War II, Reinecke received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology. As president of Febco Manufacturing Company (1954-1964) and a professional engineer, he is the holder of several patents for valves and irrigation equipment.

Elected to Congress in 1964, Reinecke served on the Interior and Insular Affairs and the Marine and Fisheries Committees. He was instrumental in bringing to a conclusion the long disputed Colorado River Basin project thereby guaranteeing California 4.4 acre feet of water annually. As a Congressman Reinecke specialized in environmental issues, particularly conservation of natural resources, air pollution control and the protection of natural fisheries.

Governor Reagan appointed Reinecke Lieutenant Governor on January 21, 1969, to replace Finch upon his resignation. Reinecke was elected in his own right in November, 1970 to a full four year term. On October 2, 1974, Reinecke resigned as Lieutenant Governor after his conviction for perjury.

During his term in office Reinecke served as Chairman of the California Bicentennial Celebration Commission, Chairman of the Commission of the Californias, Chairman of the State Electronic Data Processing Committee (Governor’s Executive Order R-17-69), Executive Officer of the Office of Intergovernmental Management (Governor’s Executive Order R-17-69), Member of the Council on Intergovernmental Relations, Member of the California Reciprocity Commission, Member of the California State Disaster Council, Chairman of the Interagency Council on Ocean Resources, Chairman of the Governor’s Task Force on Narcotics, Chairman of the Environmental Policy Committee, Chairman of the Governor’s Flood Task Force, Chairman of the Governor’s 1970 Summer Job Campaign for Youth. In addition the Lieutenant Governor was assigned the responsibility of administering the Department of Commerce (Governor’s Cabinet Issue Memo 71-2). Functions under this department included the Commission on Economic Development, the California Museum of Science and Industry, California Industry and World Trade Commission, Tourism and Visitors Services and the Committee to bring shipbuilding to California. Because of his scientific and engineering background, Reinecke was placed in charge of the State's data processing policy (Office of Management Services) and was chairman of the Environmental Quality Study Commission (Executive Order R-17-69). Also, as Lieutenant Governor, Reinecke served on several other boards and commissions as an ex officio member.

Folder F3724:310-411


   Physical Description: 102 ff.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged alphabetically, chronologically thereunder.
   Copies of letters sent. Comprised of correspondence with citizens concerning complaints against State agencies; letters of congratulations to newly elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, Eagle scouts and citizens on their 100th birthdays; thank you letters to sponsors of events and volunteers for political campaigns.

Folder F3724:412-484


   Physical Description: 73 ff.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged chronologically.
   Copies of letters sent. This is Reinecke's reading file of all outgoing correspondence. Contains letters of congratulations, thank you letters, replies to citizens' complaints.

Physical Description: 9 cf.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, legal briefs, memoranda, staff briefing reports, minutes of meetings of commissions and boards on which Reinecke sat; correspondence from the public concerning the controversial hiring and subsequent firing of alleged Communist Angela Davis as acting professor at U.C.L.A. (Education-Davis, Angela, 1969-70), including copies of Davis' speeches and copies of students' evaluations of Davis as a teacher; suggestions from the public for solving the energy crisis including letting the Highway Patrol deliver the mail to save gasoline (Energy, 1973-74); correspondence and reports dealing with servicemen imprisoned in Vietnam (Prisoners of War, 1972-74); information on the task force to provide employment for laid-off aerospace workers (Employment, 1970-71); State Lands Commission reports on the financing of the Queen Mary by the City of Long Beach (State Lands Commission, 1972); correspondence and minutes of meetings of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors of which Reinecke was vice-chairman (1973) and chairman (1974); letters from the public--pro and con--dealing with Reinecke's trial for perjury and his refusal to resign until actually sentenced by the judge (Public Affairs, 1974).


Physical Description: 78 ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, press releases, minutes of Commission and Bicentennial Foundation meetings, contracts with the California State Chamber of Commerce in regard to staffing the Commission; correspondence, audits and staff reports of the Bicentennial Commemorative Medallion project--commission of the artist, selection of the mint, promotion and final disposition--, includes information on the drawing for the moon medallion carried to the moon by Astronaut Neil Armstrong (1969). Contains information on county bicentennial projects; special projects, i.e. photo contests, student essay contests, the oldest living Californian (1970), scholarship program, El Camino Viejo equestrian ride (1970).

See also ODC: 1-2 for brochure, Two Centuries of Faith, Freedom and Fulfillment (1969) and newsletter, California Bicentennial News (1969-70).

See also series entry 12 below for photographs.


Physical Description: 31 ff.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically under subject.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, minutes of Commission meetings, reports of the committees on bollworm eradication; Mexican and American drug laws; tourism and economic development. Some of the correspondence and minutes are in Spanish.
When the State Senate and Assembly failed to agree on the reapportionment of the State after the 1970 census, Reinecke, as chairman, convened the Reapportionment Commission which consisted of himself, Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Controller Houston Flournoy, Attorney General Evelle J. Younger and Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles (Const. Art IV, Sec. 6).

This series contains correspondence, legal briefs, transcripts of hearings, census tract maps, court appointed master's plan, correspondence with county voting registrars re. repricincting before elections.

See also series entry 13 below for tapes of meetings and public hearings.

Memoranda to staff re. assignments and procedures, memoranda to Reinecke reporting activities or discussing background on issues, casework with public in regard to complaints against state agencies, legislative analyses, reports on staff meetings.

Letters received, copies of letters sent, resumes of candidates, staff analyses of qualifications.

Press releases, notices to the media about events, statements by the Lieutenant Governor, correspondence arranging TV and radio interviews.

Subseries of invitations arranged alphabetically by county.

Physical Description: 36 ff.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by name.
Resumes, references, recommendations and biographical material on members of Reinecke's staff.


Physical Description: 22 Items.
Scope and Content Note
One 5x7 black and white photographic print of Edward and Willa Norris (wedding portrait) oldest married couple in Kern County, May 2, 1903. One 5x7 black and white photographic print of Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Bicentennial Commission member Vera Gibson, April 21, 1970. One 5x5 black and white photographic print of the River Mansion, Steamboat Slough in the Sacramento River, n.d. Two 8x10 black and white photographic prints of the flag of the Russian-American Fur Company which flew over Fort Ross and is now in the State Heritage Museum, Leningrad, 1969. Three 8x10 black and white photographic prints depicting the presentation of a pair of Colt's California Bicentennial Commemorative.22 Revolvers to Governor Reagan and Lieutenant Governor Reinecke by B.G. Simms of Simms Hardware and Jim O'Hara, Colt's Regional Manager, Jan. 12, 1970. Two 8x10 black and white photographic prints depicting Reinecke's appearance at the dedication of Mission Country Visitor's Association's bicentennial billboard, March 7, 1969. One 8x10 black and white photographic print of Ginger Crocker, California's Bicentennial Golden Girl, 1970. Three 8x10 black and white photographic prints depicting the promotion of Official Bicentennial Medallions, June, 1969. One 8x10 black and white photographic print of Lieutenant Governor Reinecke raising the first California Bicentennial Flag at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, May 22, 1969. One 8x10 black and white photographic print depicting Reinecke flanked by Elisabeth Waldo, composer of the Bicentennial Song, Viva California, and music publisher Ralph Peer II. Two 8x10 photographic prints showing oil leaking from Platform A off the coast at Santa Barbara more than three years after the initial blowout, July 30, 1972. Four 8x10 black and white photographic prints depicting activities at Commission of the Californias general assembly meetings in Sacramento and San Diego, i.e. a barbeque held at Reinecke's ranch and the speaker's platform at meetings, 1972.


Physical Description: 7 Items.
Scope and Content Note