



Cullin, Ray: Papers, 1967-1992

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Textual

Biography

Biogaphy

Ray Cullin (1931-2018) was a long-time television and radio producer and broadcaster.

Cullin was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. He attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas for two years. His broadcast career began at this time, working for KVOP radio station as a disc jockey and sports announcer. He left WBU in 1951 to join the United States Air Force and serve during the Korean War.

He continued his entry into broadcasting assigned to the Armed Services Radio and Television Service.

Upon his return to Texas, Cullin worked first for KCBD-TV Lubbock, Texas and KGNC-TV and radio in Amarillo, Texas.

In the very early 1960s, Cullin moved to Burbank, California and began his NBC broadcasting career which lasted for over 33 years. Working both for the local station, KRCA, and then renamed KNBC (Channel 4, Los Angeles) and for the national NBC network news, Cullin had a career as a correspondent, show producer, political field reporter, NBC Bureau Chief (Houston, TX), NBC White House producer, and west coast producer of the *NBC Nightly News*.

He was closely associated with the Reagans covering all of Ronald Reagan's political campaigns from 1965-1984, and he covered the opening of the Reagan Library in 1991. Cullin came out of retirement to assist NBC news cover the funeral of President Reagan in 2004. NBC associates note that First Lady Nancy Reagan was fond of NBC cameraman Jim Smith, which allowed for easier access for the local NBC broadcasting team in general.

Other notable events Cullin has covered include the Alaska earthquake of 1964, the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the *Challenger* Space Shuttle disaster. During his career, Cullin received a local TV Emmy in Los Angeles for a story he produced on the city's drug problems, the Abe Lincoln Award of Merit for the coverage of the Reagans and other honors.

After leaving his broadcasting career, Cullin and his wife retired to Sun City West, Arizona in 1994. He died there on January 8, 2018.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of five series: SERIES I: Presidential Travel Press Books; SERIES II: NBC News Briefing Books; SERIES III: Reagan Inaugural Events; SERIES IV: Briefing Materials; and SERIES V: Photograph & Video Tapes.

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SERIES I: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL PRESS BRIEFING BOOKS

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Status	Title
OPEN	The Trip of President Reagan to Jamaica and Barbados, 04/07/1982-04/11/1982 (1)(2)
OPEN	The Trip of President Reagan to LaPaz, Mexico 08/14/1983
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OPEN	Decision 72 - California Presidential Primary (1)(2)

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OPEN	Decision 80 - Primaries 06/03/1980
OPEN	1980 Republican National Convention (1)-(7)

Status	Title
OPEN	Decision 88 – Republican National Convention – 08/15/1988-08/18/1988
OPEN	Decision 88 – Republican National Convention, New Orleans (binder)
OPEN	The 1988 Republican National Convention Official Program

SERIES III: REAGAN INAUGURAL EVENTS

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OPEN	1967 California Inaugural Ceremonies – Proceedings Manual
OPEN	1981 Inaugural Parade Fact Book (1)(2)

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OPEN	[Pope John Paul II – Visit to Des Moines, 10/04/1979] (1)-(3)
OPEN	[Pope John Paul II – Visit to Detroit, September 1987] (1)-(3)
OPEN	[Road Map – Germany & Austria]
OPEN	<i>Time Magazine</i> – 08/22/1988

SERIES V: PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO TAPES

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OPEN	Reagan Feed – NY 11/04/1991
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