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BELL, JACK L. (OH-167) 32 pages PRCQ to Columbia

Political analyst for Associated Press, 1937-69.

Interview #1. Personal background: becoming a reporter; first meetings with General Eisenhower. DDE's 1952 campaign for the Presidency: Robert A. Taft, and his prospects of beating DDE for the nomination; "Morningside Statement"; Adlai Stevenson; James Hagerty's job as DDE's press secretary; Thomas Dewey's influence on choice of Richard Nixon as vice president. Comment on DDE's style and manner of running the Presidency. DDE's relations with Congress: William Knowland; Lyndon B. Johnson (and how LBJ controlled the Senate); White House Congressional liaison staff. DDE's press conferences, and his syntax problems. Impressions of Vice President Nixon. Impressions of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Assessment of DDE as President. Assessment of John F. Dulles as Secretary of State.

[COHP interview by John Luter, 1972]