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DESCRIPTION: Extensive comments on California politics. Career of Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. 1958 campaign in California: Gov. Goodwin Knight's decision to run for senator; Sen. William Knowland's decision to run for governor; positions on right-to-work legislation; Pat Brown's defeat of Knowland. Knowland's campaign style, political goals, work as U.S. Senate majority leader. Richard Nixon and Earl Warren. 1952 Republican National Convention: California delegation; Earl Warren's interest in the presidency. 1948 campaign: campaign style of Earl Warren and Thomas Dewey. 1952 campaign: attitude of Washington press corps; anecdote re stewardess spilling cream on Eisenhower; Nixon's efforts to convince California delegation to support Eisenhower rather than Earl Warren. Warren's campaign style. 1950 campaign of Nixon against Helen Douglas. Earl Warren's support of Pat Brown against Nixon in 1962. Warren's support of Eisenhower in 1952. Ralph Caste. Warren's appointment to U.S. Supreme Court. Role of Eisenhower Volunteers in 1952 campaign in California. Adlai Stevenson. Nixon campaign fund controversy: Eisenhower's support of Nixon. Selection of Republican Central Committee chairman in California, 1954. Disputes between Nixon and Goodwin Knight. 1952 Republican Governor's Conference: support of Taft and Eisenhower factions for telegram calling for fair play in delegate selection. Complaints over Eisenhower's appointment of a Democratic judge in California, 1956. Additional comments on gubernatorial campaigns in Ohio and Colorado; Knowland's awareness of California politics. Growth of conservative Republican strength in California. Nixon's campaign style in 1960 and 1962. Goldwater campaign in 1964. Eisenhower-Nixon relationship. A name index is located at the end of the transcript.

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