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DESCRIPTION: Personal background and education; early political experiences and contacts; Arthur Vandenberg; considering DDE as a candidate; military service in the Pacific; beginning of Citizens for Eisenhower in Michigan; Republican politics in Michigan; Arthur Summerfield; the Michigan delegation to the Republican National Convention; Vandenberg's change from isolationism to support of a world organization; DDE's first meetings with Michigan delegation; DDE's campaign in Michigan; "I will go to Korea" speech in Detroit; the convention; serving as chairman of Fred Alger's gubernatorial campaign; election recount after Alger's lose; appointed as National Committeeman to replace Summerfield; offered position as general counsel in Treasury Department; appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; issues faced in Treasury; customs and trade problems; DDE and the delegation of authority; member of Coast Guard Advisory Committee in Kennedy Administration; political favors and patronage; Eisenhower Administration deserves credit for reconstruction of Lafayette Square and developing the idea of the Center for the Performing Arts; development of Theodore Roosevelt Memorial; becoming Special Counsel for the President; Roemer McPhee and Philip Areeda; members of the White House staff; Richard Nixon; duties of Special Counsel; Civil Rights Bill of 1960; visiting with DDE at Gettysburg after he left the White House; DDE's funeral; presidential transition; general impressions of DDE as President.

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