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Republican National Committeeman for Texas, 1952-70; active in the Eisenhower campaign in Texas, 1951-52

DESCRIPTION: The Texas political situation prior to 1952 (incl. changes in election laws, setting up an Eisenhower organization, dealing with contested delegates); Porter's first impressions of Eisenhower as a candidate; conventions (incl. how to "hide" a precinct or county convention, provisions of new legislation to regularize the convention process, results of the pledge-signing requirement); the contest for delegates (incl. concerns regarding [Richard] Dick Wall's loyalties, contesting the Texas delegation to the national convention); the Eisenhower for President movement (incl. organizing the Texas operation, involvement of the Democratic organization); the importance of the Tidelands' issue; political patronage for Texas; Porter's letter to Eisenhower regarding the Tidelands' issue; Eisenhower's reply; postal and judicial appointments; Eisenhower's impact on Texas politics (incl. changes in the Republican Party, Porter's assessment of Eisenhower as President, appointments); disappointments in the administration (incl. Eisenhower's veto of the Natural Gas Bill, Eisenhower's failure to build up the Republican Party); Porter's relationship with Eisenhower during the Presidency; miscellaneous comments (incl. Lyndon Johnson and running for political office, Eisenhower's feeling for the Presidency, dearth of Republicans in Texas).

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