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Senator from California, 1945-59.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re the 1952 candidacy of Earl Warren for President; the 1952 nomination of Richard Nixon for Vice-President; the controversy surrounding Nixon during the 1952 campaign; the meetings of Senate Republican leaders with the President; his relationship with DDE while he was Senate Republican leader; the relationship between DDE and Senator Taft following the 1952 election; and comments re his election as Senate Republican leader.

Interview #2. Comments re the main legislative issued while he was in the Senate; Bricker amendment; Senator George's amendment to the Bricker amendment; his views toward the foreign policy of the Truman and Eisenhower administrations; the bi-partisan foreign policy of the Eisenhower administration; the landing of U.S. forces in Lebanon; the Formosa Resolution; John Foster Dulles; U.S. policy toward Indochina during the 1950s; Chiang Kai-shek; the fall of China to the Communists; U.S. policy toward Latin America; the dump-Nixon movement of 1956; DDE's involvement in the 1960 campaign; the Kennedy-Nixon debates; his race for California governor in 1958; the "right-to-work" issue; the launching of Sputnik by the Soviet Union; Sherman Adams; the resignation of Sherman Adams; and comments re DDE's renomination and re-election in 1956.

Interview #3. Comments re his working relationship with DDE while he was Senate Republican leader; his working relationship with Senator Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader; DDE as a party leader; the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; Joseph McCarthy; and comments re the movement in the Senate to censure Senator McCarthy.

A name index for all three interviews is located at the end of interview #3.

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