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Member of the Advisory Committee for the Eisenhower Campaign in 1952; Special Counsel to President Eisenhower, 1953-55; Secretary to President Eisenhower, 1955-57.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Activities in the New Jersey Republican party prior to 1952, including the 1948 Stassen campaign. Activities in and anecdotes about the Eisenhower campaign in 1952. Service as Special Counsel and Secretary to the President, 1953-57: his personal relationship with DDE; his role in dealing with regulatory agencies; his role in the appointment of James P. Mitchell as Secretary of Labor; his involvement with the "McCarthy problem"; his role in improving the efficiency of the White House staff; and his assessment of Robert Cutler and Dillon Anderson as Special Assistants to the President for National Security Affairs. Comments regarding DDE's opinion of and relationship with Joseph McCarthy, Edward Jenner, Robert Taft, Thomas E. Dewey, Herbert Brownell, and Leonard Hall; DDE's skill as a politician; the move by Sherman Adams to bump Nixon from the 1956 ticket; Charles Halleck's replacement of Joseph Martin as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; DDE's leadership role in development of foreign policy; the antagonism between William Knowland and Richard Nixon; DDE's appointment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice; and DDE's role in the 1960 presidential campaign.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by David Horrocks, 1975]