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California State Assemblyman, 1952-1956; California delegate to Republican National Convention, 1956 (alternate), 1960; vice-chairman of the California Republican State Central Committee, 1960-1962 and chairman from 1962-1964; U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, 1973-75; U.S. Secretary of Defense, 1981-87.

DESCRIPTION – Interview #1: Early interest in politics; reasons for becoming a Republican; election to the State Assembly; liquor licensing reform; William G. Bonelli; support for an amendment to the state constitution.

Interview #2: Setting up the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department; Goodwin Knight as governor; San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts; serving on the Judiciary Committee; serving on the Ways and Means Committee; consolidation of water districts under the California Water Plan; citizens' groups and advisory boards; the Feather River Project Associates; bond funding and tidelands oil revenues; State Lands Commission; Highway Commission.

Interview #3: Complications in the 1958 primary campaign for attorney general; Knight and Nixon and the 1956 Republican National Convention; difficulties in organizing a statewide campaign for office; selection as vice-chairman and chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; importance of women in campaign work; few Republican women candidates for office; special elections; the California Plan in evaluating election returns; dealing with extremist viewpoints.

Interview #4: Movement of vice-chairman into the chairman position; struggle among state factions for control of the party; seeking winning strategies; political commentary on radio and television; voter registration; Nixon's decision to run for Governor in 1962; Christopher's candidacy for Lieutenant Governor; dubious campaign tactics; Cuban missile crisis; aftermath of the 1962 election; 1964 Republican National Convention in San Francisco; split between Goldwater and Rockefeller supporters; George Murphy's race for the Senate; differences in Murphy's and Goldwater's campaign styles; Ronald Reagan's emergence into politics; contrasts between Reagan and Brown; Reagan's campaign techniques; Christopher's primary campaign; working on Reagan's campaign team; additional thoughts on government organization.

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