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Active in the Eisenhower Campaign, 1952; Attorney General of the United States, 1953-57.

DESCRIPTION: First meeting with Herbert Hoover during Hoover's first term as President; Hoover's opposition to the repeal of Prohibition; sent by Governor Thomas Dewey to talk to Hoover during Dewey's presidential campaigns; Dewey and Hoover not close political friends; generation gap between Hoover and Dewey supporters, political coolness of Dewey toward Hoover; Hoover would have preferred Douglas MacArthur or Robert Taft but admired Dwight D. Eisenhower; Hoover and the Colorado River Commission; Herbert Hoover, Jr. and the Iranian oil dispute; Brownell asked by Eisenhower to serve on second Hoover Commission; Hoover's hard work on the commission; implementation of recommendations of the commission; Hoover's vigor and hard work late in his life; commission members Joseph P. Kennedy and James A. Farley; Hoover as a Progressive Republican; Hoover's career hindered by the nation's economic disaster; Hoover as a political pragmatist; men who surrounded Hoover; Hoover's move back to New York; overall appraisal of Hoover as a political figure; Brownell and Hoover often supported different candidates prior to the convention; thinks it unlikely that Taft and MacArthur made some kind of agreement prior to the convention; Herbert Hoover, Jr.

[Herbert Hoover Oral History Program, interview by Raymond Henle, March 20, 1969]