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Director of the division of special activities in the 1952 campaign; judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, 1953-69

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