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DESCRIPTION: Credentials as a newsman; early pressures on Eisenhower to run for the Presidency; Eisenhower's first press conference as a candidate; following the pre-convention campaign (incl. Eisenhower's press relations, anecdote regarding Eisenhower's political inexperience, comments about the first uses of airplanes and television coverage in campaigning, anecdote concerning the results of an incomplete issues briefing, anecdote concerning a speech in Boone, Iowa); anecdote relating to the Chicago convention; anecdote concerning a speech in Lincoln, Nebraska; the competition for delegates in Kansas (incl. Taft supporters, the split between the Eisenhower support groups, key figures in the delegate fight, problems involving C. Wesley Roberts); comments about press activities during the period of Eisenhower's heart attack; later stories covered by McCoy.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. John E. Wickman, May 11, 1967]