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DESCRIPTION: A “gossipy” review of Washington state political conditions. Positions held by both women in the Washington Republican Party; early Taft-Eisenhower influences in the state (incl. an anecdote involving Harlan Peyton’s backing of Eisenhower’s candidacy, names of several individuals from each political camp, pre-1952 activities); delegate-election skirmishes (incl. the district caucus, unit rule and the state convention, fall-out from the state convention, an anecdote involving Bill Howard’s activities, anecdotes involving convention chairmen); philosophical differences within the Washington Republican Party (incl. the east-west state split, the age factor, the changing party image); state results in national elections; the Goldwater strategy during the 1964 campaign; personal contacts with Eisenhower; Eisenhower’s relationship with Washington state during his administration; the rise and fall of Don Eastvold; miscellaneous comments (incl. observations about Eisenhower and Taft concerning their Presidential qualities, Eisenhower’s support for Nixon [in 1960], problems during the 1952 campaign, importance of the independent voters in Washington, various individuals involved in the campaign); suggested research topics regarding Washington state politics.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Maclyn P. Burg, April 18, 1972]