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ADKINS, BERTHA S. (OH-58) 72 pages PRCQ to Columbia

Active in Women's Division of the Republican National Committee, 1950-58; Under Secretary of NEW, 1958-60.

DESCRIPTION: INTERVIEW #1. Personal background. Comments re her early involvement in the Maryland Republican party, 1946-48; her activities and duties as Republican National Committeewoman from Maryland; her work in preparing for the 1952 Republican convention; her activities as coordinator of women's activities during the 1952 Republican campaign; Goldwater's nomination at the 1964 convention; Mamie Eisenhower's role as first lady; DDE's interest in women's role in government; her working relationship with Leonard Hall; her duties and activities as Under Secretary of HEW; her work with UNESCO; Arthur Fleming; DDE's concern for medical research; federal support for education; her attendance at Cabinet meetings; DDE's use of the Cabinet; and comments re her participation in 1960 Presidential election. A name index is located at the end of the transcript.

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