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Industrialist; personal friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background; first meeting with DDE at the Bohemian Grove, 1951; Ben Fairless; fund-raising efforts in Los Angeles for Eisenhower presidential campaigns, 1952 and 1956; Paul Hoffman; Justin Dart; personal anecdotes concerning DDE's golf and bridge; Freeman Gosden; comments concerning group that played golf and bridge with DDE; Mamie and John Eisenhower; anecdotes concerning DDE's speech to the University of Southern California Associates; DDE's speech at a boys rehabilitation camp; recollections of DDE's views of Las Vegas and some entertainers; Richard Nixon; Nelson Rockefeller; stag dinners; Eisenhower Cottage at Augusta; Cliff Roberts.

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