
DESCRIPTION:  Interview #1.  Being asked to handle the DDE nominations and election campaign in Washington.  Organizing the Washington State Citizens for Eisenhower drive:  opposition of pro-Taft Republican party state leaders; Edgar Eisenhower’s opinion about his brother running for President, and his support during the campaign; Senator Harry Cain’s position regarding DDE; patterns for establishing the local pro-DDE organizations; seeking contributions to finance the campaign.  The state Republican convention:  control of the credentials committee; securing delegates pledged to DDE; mending political fences with the pro-Taft delegates.  Observations on his work relocating Japanese during World War II, and his contacts with Milton Eisenhower.

NOTE:  Mrs. Oles also took part in portions of the interview.

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