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Attorney for Little Rock, Arkansas School Board, 1957-58.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments on early trends towards integration in Arkansas. School superintendent Virgil Blossom's plan for integration: views of the school board; Blossom working to educate the people on the plan; role of the NAACP. Basis for Governor Orval Faubus' action during the crisis. Observations on problems and personalities in arguing cases in 1957-58 before Judge Miller, Judge Davies, and Judge Lemley. Short comments on position of school board being caught in the middle, teacher purge of 1959, discharge of Blossom, and various reactions in Little Rock to the entire crisis.

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