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DESCRIPTION OF MEMORANDUM: This transcript is preceded by a 40-page memorandum written by Brownell in 1975 to Ms. Fry regarding the events leading up to Warren’s appointment to the Supreme Court. The topics covered in this memorandum include: the chronology of the offer; persons and factors in the selections; Dwight D. Eisenhower’s prior contacts with Earl Warren; Brownell’s relationship to Warren; the 1952 Convention and the Fair Play Amendment; Warren rejects the Eisenhower plan; the airport conference; the appointment; confirmation delay; Warren as friend and associate.

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSCRIPT: The 1952 Republican National Convention’s contested delegation; putting Eisenhower over the top; Warren as a campaigner in 1948 and 1952; offers to Warren of a Supreme Court justiceship; choosing the successor to Chief Justice Fred Vinson; the offer of the chief justiceship to Warren; investigation of Warren and his views; White House responses to Warren Court decisions.

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