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Administrative secretary to Earl Warren during his career as Alameda County district attorney and attorney general and governor of California, 1935-1953.

DESCRIPTION – Interview #1: Education at the University of California; first job as a clerk at the justice court of Oakland township; childhood; Earl Warren as deputy district attorney; working as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Frank Kerrigan; Warren's observance of Federal rules on admission of evidence and warrants for arrest; Warren's need for a secretary who was also a lawyer; working for Warren; pardon and parole problems; Governor's Investigating Committee on Penal Affairs; penal reform legislation; reorganization of the Department of Corrections; establishment of the Youth Authority; additional facilities for youth; innovations under Karl Holton; Director of Corrections Richard McGee; organization of the corrections system; the Adult Authority; need for increase in diagnostic services; concern for rehabilitation and pardons; public health; Board of Regents of the University of California; the loyalty oath; World War II and government planning; aids to small business; women's organizations in California; mental health reform; Warren's relationship with his staff; duties while working in the attorney general's office; duties while working in the district attorney's office; staff friendships.

Interview #2: Childhood in Oakland; parent's interest in civic affairs; academic studies at Oakland High School; undergraduate education and law school; California Youth Authority; Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth; juvenile justice; recreation commission; California conference in connection with the White House Conference on Children and Youth; state committee and community cooperation; protective services; migrant families; adoptions.

Interview #3: Myrtle Williams and the Department of Social Welfare; Warren's 1946 campaign; the Department of Education; state finance and budgets; civil service employees; Burdette Daniels; health insurance; MacGregor's admission to practice before the Supreme Court; working women and child care in World War II; civil defense and citizen fears; procedures and staffing in the attorney general's office; Warren's relationship with the University of California from 1928-1952; the Board of Regents; the loyalty oath controversy.

Interview #4: The attorney general's leadership in law enforcement; Oscar Jahnsen and Warren Olney; role of the attorney general office in investigations; transition to the governor's office; Warren's appointments to various positions; carry-over positions from the previous administration; electronic recording devices found in the governor's office; staff members in the governor's office; conduct of business and staff duties; wartime and post-war planning; Richard Graves; Warren and children; 1948 vice-presidential campaign; the campaign train; election day; governor's race in 1950; Warren as Chief Justice.

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