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U.S. attorney, District of Alaska, 1953-56; Legislative Counsel, Department of Interior, 1956-58.

DESCRIPTION: Entire transcript deals with issue of Alaskan statehood. Resignation of Douglas McKay (Secretary of Interior), summer, 1956; transfer of Stevens from Department of Justice to Interior; roles played by Elmer Bennett (Solicitor), William Snedden, and McKay; Fred Seaton as Secretary of Interior; Alaskan statehood question; Steven's duties as Legislative Counsel; Interior policy initiatives; Seaton appointees; Eisenhower's views on Alaskan statehood; Marilyn Atwood's work on statehood issue and congressional relations; Bryce Harlow and Jerry Persons; Eisenhower's objections to statehood; Jack Stempler; establishment of Pick (PYK) Line and the Section 10 provision; Presidential concerns for defense problems; White House staff support from Gerry Morgan, Ed McCabe, Roemer McPhee; Congressional supporters of statehood; the Alaskan lobbying effort; Southern opposition; Claus M. Naske's contention of "dirty trick" efforts; Steven's rebuttal concerning Operation Statehood; working with Edward L. Bartlett, Ernest Gruening, Bill Egan, and Ralph J. [?] Rivers; Edna Ferber's Ice Palace; Stevens leaves Interior (January 20, 1961); conversation with Stewart Udall, incoming Secretary of Interior.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Dr. Maclyn P. Burg, October 6, 1977]