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Republican Representative, Indiana, 1935-69; House Majority Leader, 1947-49, 1953-55; House Minority Leader, 1959-65.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. State of the Republican party in 1953; coalition of southern Democrats; leadership meetings at the White House. Desire to be a delegate to the Republican National Convention; Halleck's and Everett Dirksen's press conferences; DDE's mistakes. Arthur Summerfield; the judicial system; Earl Warren. DDE's veto of the natural gas bill; labor legislation; 1946 reorganization act; National Labor Relations Board. Frank Case; the Patman problem; National Gas Act. Association with DDE, Truman, and Robert Taft; playing golf with DDE. Meeting DDE and his decision to run for President; DDE's legislative program. Candidates for Speaker in 1952; Joseph Martin; tax reduction bill in 1953. Ways and Means Committee; Rules committee; nomination of DDE at national convention. Performance of the congressional liaison staff; Sherman Adams; Landrum-Griffin Bill. DDE's treatment of junior congressmen; DDE's campaign in Indiana; William Knowland. Sam Rayburn; working with Democrats; isolationist views. JFK, DDE, and LBJ on Vietnam; bombing of the port of Haiphong; Wendell Wilkie. Thomas Dewey and Halleck; Dewey versus Taft on domestic issues; DDE's retirement; Eisenhower as a politician.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Thomas Soapes, 1977]