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Chairman, Washington State Citizens for Eisenhower, 1952.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Being asked to handle the DDE nominations and election campaign in Washington. Organizing the Washington State Citizens for Eisenhower drive: opposition of pro-Taft Republican party state leaders; Edgar Eisenhower's opinion about his brother running for President, and his support during the campaign; Senator Harry Cain's position regarding DDE; patterns for establishing the local pro-DDE organizations; seeking contributions to finance the campaign. The state Republican convention: control of the credentials committee; securing delegates pledged to DDE; mending political fences with the pro-Taft delegates. Observations on his work relocating Japanese during World War II, and his contacts with Milton Eisenhower.

NOTE: Mrs. Oles also took part in portions of the interview.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn Burg, 1972]