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Active in the Eisenhower campaign in Texas, 1952; U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Texas, 1954-70.

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Republican National Committeeman for Texas, 1952-70; active in the Eisenhower campaign in Texas, 1951-52.

Description: General comments about education and early work-military experiences; **THE TEXAS POLITICAL SCENE PRIOR TO 1950:** Ingraham's and Porter's political activities; comments about R.B.Creager's control of Texas Republican politics; an appraisal of Henry Zweifel's character; an anecdote involving Porter's conversion to the Republican Party; miscellaneous comments about Joe Martin and Hugh Roy Cullen; Ingraham's party-building experiences; results of the attempt to oust Creager from his power position; the 1948 Texas senatorial race (incl. the political scandal surrounding the Democratic race, the search for a Republican challenger, Porter's experiences as the Republican candidate); the struggle for party control; working for passage of the Dicker Bill. **THE EISENHOWER CAMPAIGN:** Porter's 1949 meeting with Eisenhower and his impressions of Eisenhower's political bent; an anecdote concerning Zweifel's political instincts; Porter's 1950 meeting with Eisenhower; Sen. Taft's influence in Texas; Porter's assessment of Eisenhower's character and elective qualities; Ingraham as a Taft supporter; getting the Eisenhower forces organized; maneuverings of the Taft Republicans (incl. the move to control the precinct and county conventions, an anecdote involving Porter and Taft, Ingraham's reactions to the bolting plan, Taft's popularity in Texas, problems encountered in seating convention delegates); long-term effects on the Texas Republican Party following the 1952 campaign; repercussions from the Mineral Wells convention on the Chicago convention; the Taft forces' attitude; Eisenhower's political naivete; Ingraham's letter concerning "The Texas Steal."

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Maelyn Burg, Nov. 9, 1972]