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(This transcript is bound in *The Governor's Office Under Goodwin Knight*)

Assistant press secretary and administrative secretary to Governor Goodwin Knight.

DESCRIPTION – Interview #1: Family background and childhood; early acquaintanceship with Goodwin Knight; changes in personnel under Governor Earl Warren and Governor Knight; appointment as assistant press secretary; intra-party struggles in the 1954 gubernatorial campaign; personalities involved in the campaign; anecdotes regarding working for Knight; how the governor's office functioned; Paul Mason and the Alcoholic Control Board; filling in as research and travel secretaries; work of the clemency secretary; relationships within the governor's office; comparisons between Knight's and Warren's offices; anecdotes relating to Knight and his wife, Virginia Knight; relationship between Knight and labor.

Interview #2: 1956 Republican National Convention; support for Knight as a replacement for Richard Nixon; Knight as a realist; how the "Big Switch" of 1958 came about; Knight's campaign for the U.S. Senate; observations on Knight's post-gubernatorial years; working on the Youth Authority; background on the Youth Authority; community treatment program; placement of treatment centers; dealing with criticism of the procedures for youthful offenders; visits to the facilities; basic concepts of the Trade Advisory Council; the Youth Training School; attitudes in California regarding the treatment of youthful offenders.

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