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(This transcript is bound in *Richard M. Nixon in the Warren Era*)

Insurance executive, delegate to Republican National Convention from California, 1952 (alternate), 1956. Served in various functions in Richard Nixon's campaigns.

DESCRIPTION – Interview #1: Entry into politics; San Marino school board race; election to Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee; the Eaton meeting; the origins of the Committee of One Hundred; trip to Whittier; selection of Richard Nixon as a Congressional candidate in 1945; Herman Perry; campaign finance; analyzing Nixon's win; anti-Communism and the debates; campaign staff; central role of the primary in 1948; opposition in South Pasadena; support from women; Pro-America; billboards, cross-filing; Democrats for Nixon; Nixon and patronage; early supporters and associates; Nixon's decision to run for the Senate in 1950; Bernard Brennan and Murray Chotiner; other contenders in the primary; Nixon's national reputation and the Hiss Case; planning strategy; the pink sheet and Helen Gahagan Douglas; the press and Nixon; the role of county organizations; observations on Earl Warren; campaign organizers; financing the campaign; tidelands oil; anti-Communism as a campaign issue; campaign memorabilia; support from Democrats; more on the pink sheet; support from labor; Joseph McCarthy; donors and supporters; the Checkers speech.

Interview #2: Train from Los Angeles to the 1952 Republican National Convention; Nixon boards the train and reports Eisenhower running strong; delegation committed to Warren through the first ballot; William F. Knowland; Eisenhower's choice of Nixon; the united Republican Finance Committee; comparison of past and present political campaigns; meeting with President Eisenhower in the White House; the need for centralization in California campaigns; the 1952 campaign; women in the Republican Party; turning down an offer to head the Eisenhower Volunteers; being considered for National Chairman of the Republican Party; private White House dinners; Earl Warren's Supreme Court appointment; selecting delegates for 1956 Convention; 1960 Presidential campaign; decision not head Nixon's 1962 gubernatorial campaign; Jorgensen's role in the 1968 campaign; Ronald Reagan and George Wallace; some needed campaign reforms; importance of volunteers; more on the 1968 race; support from the San Joaquin Valley; choosing campaign issues; rebuilding the candidate in 1968; Washington job possibilities; winding up the campaign in California; staff spending excesses.

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