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Congressmen from Washington, 1947-65.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Background information. Comments on Edgar Eisenhower as a forthright person, and meeting DDE at Ft. Lewis in 1939.

Interview #2. Early impressions of Dwight and Edgar Eisenhower. 1952 presidential race: why he backed DDE over Robert Taft; securing support for DDE in Washington. His plans to run against Don Eastvold for governor in 1956. His impressions of Richard Nixon. Relationships with the DDE White House: DDE as a team politician; helpfulness of congressional liaison assistants; resignation of Sherman Adams; how DDE handled luncheons and banquets which Tollefson attended. Comment on dams, fish, and the Columbia River treaties. Post-1964 activities.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interviews by Maclyn P. Burg, 1972, 1974]