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Chairman of the Republican Party in the state of Washington

DESCRIPTION: Educational background; family business; first interest in politics; serving in the legislature; description of the 43rd district, Seattle; the Washington Republican Party in the 1940's; the Taft and Eisenhower organizations; Frayn's assessment of Taft's and Eisenhower's characters; Frayn's role in the Yakima convention; identification of Taft supporters; the lack of organization for a Taft campaign; the Eisenhower organization; [Wilton B.] Jerry "Slick" Persons; the nature of Eisenhower's appeal; comments about Governor Arthur Langlie's character; Frayn's role in the campaign (including assuming chairmanship of the state Republican Party; working with Walter Williams; effects on state ticket; anecdote regarding the antipathy between Langlie and [Senator] Harry Cain; organization and fund raising); anecdote regarding Frayn's perception of Eisenhower's warmth of personality; aftermath of the '52 election; Frayn's role in the 1960 Nixon campaign; assessment of Nixon's character; Frayn's role in the 1964 Rockefeller campaign; the Nixon-Kennedy campaigns (including Nixon's appeal to voters; the national debates; aftermath of the election); the Eisenhowers in Palm Desert; anecdote regarding relationship between Eisenhower and his brother Edgar.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Dr. Thomas Soapes, July 27, 1976]