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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments on Orval Faubus as a member of the Arkansas Highway Commission under Governor Sidney McMath. Faubus running for governor in 1954: financing the campaign; the part Woods played in the election. Faubus' race for governor in 1956. Observations on the school crisis in 1957: possible motives for Faubus' actions; Newport conference between DDE and Faubus; attitudes and actions of city officials; people behind the mob violence at the high school; use of federal troops; effect of the crisis on Little Rock; comment on possible results if Faubus had handled the problem differently.

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