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Governor of Iowa, 1954-57; Civil Defense Administrator, 1957-58; Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, 1958-61.

DESCRIPTION: Early interest in politics in the 1930s; campaigning for Senator Dickinson; law practice in Chariton Iowa; campaigning for State legislature in 1936; military service in World War II; first meeting with Eisenhower in 1944; organizing Eisenhower for President committee in Iowa in 1951; analysis of the Iowa State Republican Convention; Bourke Hickenlooper; relations with Taft republicans; serving as Attorney General of Iowa; running for Governor of Iowa; meeting with Eisenhower re farm prices; term as Federal Civil Defense Administrator; merging of the Office of Civil Defense with the Office of Defense Mobilization; assessment of Eisenhower as President; the first national civil defense plan; first fallout shelter plan; continuity of government; Operation Alert; stockpiling; Tennessee Valley Authority; personal opinion of Clarence Randall; comments on Sherman Adams as Assistant to the President; Hoegh's relationship with Congress; personal assessments of Robert Merriam and Gordon Gray.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Thomas Soapes, March 19, 1976]