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Newspaper editor; associate of Richard Nixon, and active in all the Nixon campaigns

DESCRIPTION: General background (incl. biographical material, early acquaintance with Richard M. Nixon); Nixon's early political career (incl. anecdote regarding how Nixon first entered politics in 1946, development of personal friendship between Nixon and Klein, Nixon's involvement with the House Un-American Activities Committee, the re-election campaign of 1948, the Whittaker Chambers- [Alger] Hiss affair); the Senate campaign of 1950 (incl. general background, early strategies, the Democratic primary, the campaign, Klein's role, the Nixon support groups, background to Nixon's decision to run for the Senate seat, finding a successor for Nixon's House seat, Nixon's ambitions); the Klein-Nixon relationship between 1950-1952; background to the Vice-Presidential nomination (incl. the pro-Warren delegation, allegations regarding a Nixon "deal," dissension between [Earl] Warren and [Goodwin J.] Goodie Knight); Nixon's view of the Eisenhower vs. [Robert A.] Taft choice; the 1952 campaign (incl. Klein's responsibilities as head of public relations, impressions of Eisenhower and James C. Hagerty, friction between the party regulars and the Eisenhower Volunteers, Jacqueline Cochran Odlum's role, the final efforts of the California campaign); the Nixon fund crisis (incl. rationale for the fund, importance of the issue, rumors about ousting Nixon from the ticket, dissension among Eisenhower staffers regarding Nixon's status, reactions to the Nixon speech, cool relationship between Nixon and Eisenhower staffs during affair, Nixon's moods throughout this period); Election Day (incl. Nixon's activities, anecdote regarding Nixon, some Marines, and a touch football game, waiting for election results, anecdote regarding Nixon's appearance at the Press Club election party); Murray Chotiner's role in the campaign; Klein's continuing work with Nixon through 1962.

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