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Airplane repair management specialist during World War II, active in the Eisenhower campaign of 1952 in New Mexico.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Anecdote about flying with Orville Wright in 1939. Service with an Air Depot Group at Patterson Air Force Base, 1941-42. Service in England, 1943-44, at an Air Force Base Depot Headquarters; utilization of management techniques to increase efficiency of airplane repair assembly line operations. Activities in the Eisenhower campaign in 1952 in New Mexico: request by Patrick J. Hurley to assist in the Eisenhower campaign; establishment of an effectively-managed campaign organization. Short comments on the 1956 presidential campaign in New Mexico, Chicano voters in New Mexico, and his friendship with Barry Goldwater.

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