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Active in the Eisenhower campaign, 1952; Attorney General of the United States, 1953-57

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments re DDE becoming a candidate in 1952; the roles of Lucius Clay and Thomas Dewey in persuading DDE to become a candidate for President; his (Brownell's) role in the Texas affair; his assessment of who were the key people in the 1952 Eisenhower campaign; the role of Taft's supporters in the election following DDE's nomination; the selection of Richard M. Nixon as the Vice-Presidential nominee; the Nixon fund issue; DDE's handling of the "McCarthy problem"; DDE's appointment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice; DDE's reaction to the Brown vs. Board of Education decision; DDE's ability to deal with tough problems; a comparison of Dewey's and DDE's personalities; DDE's conduct of Cabinet meetings and his use of them as a sounding board for ideas; his (Brownell's) relationship with the White House staff; DDE's relationship with the Republican congressional leadership; and comments re his assessment of the accomplishments of the Eisenhower administration.

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