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Undersecretary of the Department of the Interior, 1954-1957.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re his first experience with the Department of the Interior in 1935; Secretary Douglas McKay; cabinet meetings procedures; bureaucracy in the Department; the Public Land Law Review Commission; water rights; problems concerning the federalization of water; government involvement in the power business; the Harvey Aluminum Company lawsuit; McKay's campaign for the Senate in 1956; Dan Thornton; underground water sources; Stuart Udall; fishing problems; Indian affairs; the Al Sarena mine case; territorial affairs; opinions about other cabinet members; desalination of water; the Hell's Canyon Dam controversy; personal relationship with Eisenhower; government ownership vs. private ownership. A name index is located at the end of the transcript.

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