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Senator from Kansas, 1949-50; member, Republican National Committee for Kansas, 1940-64; vice-president of Eisenhower Foundation and Chairman of Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission

DESCRIPTION: Darby's role in getting Eisenhower the Republican nomination for the Presidency in 1952 (incl. comments about Eisenhower's character, Darby's position in national and state politics, pre-convention politics, reasons for the delay in announcing Eisenhower's candidacy, the nomination of Senator [Richard M.] Nixon for Vice-President); Eisenhower's political attitude; Darby's political experience; comments about [Thomas E.] Dewey (incl. results of Dewey's presidential campaigning, interpretations of polls); [Robert A.] Taft's support within the Senate; Taft's character; Congressional influence on the National Committee; the Governors' Conference in Houston; California politics (incl. the William F. Knowland-Earl Warren relationship, hostilities within the party, Knowland's political ambitions); Texans for Eisenhower; selection of a Vice-Presidential candidate (incl. Nixon's credentials, interest in Taft); the Eisenhower-Taft relationship; negotiating with the California delegation; the New Hampshire primary; politics behind the 1964 Presidential nomination (incl. Barry M. Goldwater's qualifications, Nixon's role); the 1952 campaign (incl. Darby's political conferences, getting the Eisenhower campaign moving, characteristics of Adlai E. Stevenson); general comments about the 1952 campaign (incl. results of primaries, the involvement of Gen. [Lucius D.] Clay, the "go to Korea" pledge, General [George C.] Marshall, farm policy speeches); details of Eisenhower's 1953 visit to Kansas; the Eisenhower Center in Abilene; Eisenhower's decision to run again in 1956; Darby's biographical details, business interests, and civic activities. NAME INDEX

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Ed Edwin, October 5, 1967]