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Vice Principal for girls, Little Rock, Arkansas Central High School. 1957-59.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Teacher participation in forming the Blossom Plan of desegregation. Anticipating and preparing for problems created by school desegregation. Detailed comments on events during the first months when Central High School was desegregated in 1957: September 3--first day of school, and arrival of the National Guard; September 23--removal of the National Guard, and racial incidents in the school; arrival of federal troops--101st Airborne; harassment of students, and threats of violence by segregationists; work of the federalized National Guard; assessment of position of J.W. Matthews, Central High School's head principal. Problems involved with expulsion of a black student and a white student from school. Observation on the policy followed by the federal government during the crisis. Her activities during the 1958-59 school year when Central High School was closed. The attempted purge of teachers in 1959.

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