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Adjutant General of California, 1944-1946; Judge in the Superior Court of California, 1951-1956; Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division, 1956-1959

DESCRIPTION, PART I: WWII defense of the West Coast; passive defense; planning for a possible attack; FBI suspicion of disloyalty among Japanese nationals in California; maps showing the location of Japanese, German, and Italian nationals in California; plans to protect communications and vital installations; designation of parts of California as a military zone following Pearl Harbor bombing; General John DeWitt; Karl Benedetsen; line of command; Ninth Regional Board discussions of relocation for enemy aliens; pressures for Japanese-American relocation; Japanese submarine and balloon attacks; Japanese-American loyalty and disloyalty; Benedetsen's role; Earl Warren's views on relocation; the return of the Japanese-Americans.

PART II: 950 California campaigns; Goodwin Knight's gubernatorial ambitions; public relations in Warren's Southern California campaign office; support from professional groups; straw poll; 1950 Richard Nixon campaign; Murray Chotiner; campaign advisory committee; financing Warren's campaign; Warren supporters and detractors; Warren as campaign administrator; avoidance of mud slinging; James Roosevelt; more Warren supporters; the 1952 Republican National Convention; release of California delegates for Dwight D. Eisenhower; recollections of William Knowland.

(Includes a 19-page written memoir, "My Association with Earl Warren" relating to civil defense, Japanese-American relocation, the loyalty-oath controversy, and Warren's 1950 gubernatorial campaign.)

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