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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re the Interior Committee of the House; Eisenhower's nomination in 1952; campaigning with Eisenhower; Eisenhower's relationship with Congress; Eisenhower's political abilities; water rights; Colorado River Basin dispute; alternative water sources; problems in National Parks; Indian rights and claims; Indian affairs; territorial problems (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Alaska); fishing waters; Administrative Procedures Act; Ezra Taft Benson; agricultural problems; the "Disaster Desk"; 1960 election; assessment of DDE as President. A name index is located at the end of the manuscript.

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