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Mayor of San Francisco, 1956-1964, delegate from California to the 1956 Republican National Convention.

DESCRIPTION – Interview #1: Goodwin Knight and the 1950 California gubernatorial race; Knight for the Senate and William F. Knowland for Governor in 1958: the “Big Switch”; Richard Nixon and the 1962 Lieutenant Governor’s race; ill feelings persist after 1958 campaigns; Christopher’s assessment of his own role in the Republican party; Nelson Rockefeller’s 1964 Presidential campaign in California.

Interview #2: The Thomas Werdel delegation of 1952; Christopher as mayor; Donald Cleary as lobbyist for San Francisco in Sacramento; formation of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART); building Candlestick Park; 1956 Republican National Convention; additional thoughts on the 1958 and 1962 campaigns; development of the California Republican League in 1964; campaign financing; Christopher’s 1966 race for Governor against Ronald Reagan and Pat Brown; the Free Speech movement; corporate lobbying and the influencing of political elections; reflections on political conduct.

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