

COCHRAN, JACQUELINE

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Aviator, active in the Eisenhower campaign, 1951-52, friend of the Lyndon Baines Johnson family from 1937 through the presidency.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1: Meeting LBJ in 1937; Collier Trophy committee; meetings with General Arnold, Donald Douglas, and Dr. Harry Armstrong concerning research into the use of oxygen in high altitude flying; meeting President Franklin D. Roosevelt, lobbying for flight research appropriations; asking LBJ to help fund aviation school of medicine; Sam Rayburn; her relationship with the Johnson family women ferry pilots in WWII; opposition to including her pilots in the military; conflict with Oveta Culp Hobby; high standards for entry into WASPs; congressional support but bill defeated; LBJ campaign for the Senate; Stuart Symington; more on Senate race; LBJ's kidney stones and flying him to Mayo Clinic; continued association with LBJ; her failed congressional bid; John Glenn; honoring high altitude test pilots; Lady Bird Johnson; 1968 Arthritis Foundation dinner attended by LBJ; DDE's quarters at her ranch and having him as a guest.

Interview #2: Visit of DDE and LBJ to the ranch; LBJ's opinion of DDE; state dinners at the White House; state dinner for Queen Elizabeth; the cosmetics business; spending the night at the White House; the space program; visit to the Johnson ranch; Richard Nixon.

Interview #3: Continuing information on meetings with President Johnson; X-15 pilots; Vietnam war; more on meetings at the White House; Robert McNamara; minorities and civil rights; LBJ and DDE; more on the Vietnam war; firepower demonstration in Florida; Far East trip.

[Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library Oral History Project, interview by Joe B. Frantz, April and May 1974]