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COCHRAN, JACQUELINE

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Aviator; active in the Eisenhower campaign, 1951-52; close friend of the Eisenhowers.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1 (1968). This interview contains information concerning the Madison Square Garden rally for DDE in 1952. She helped organize it and flew the film of the rally to DDE in Paris to demonstrate that he had substantial support to run for the Republican presidential nomination. She also talks about her own political activities in California, including her unsuccessful race for Congress in 1956.

Interview #2 (1970). Anecdote about Winston Churchill and D-Day. Reception of the Pasha Kénitra at the Cochran-Odlum Ranch. Meeting with Syngman Rhee of Korea in 1953. Representing DDE at inauguration of Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua. Anecdote about President Johnson visiting DDE at the Ranch. Comments on DDE's use of the Ranch for his winter office in the post-presidential years: prime importance of respecting and protecting his privacy; his press conferences and special meetings; assistance provided by his secretarial staff; entertaining the Eisenhowers; handling the tourists and curiosity-seekers. Anecdote about John Eisenhower's experience as an airplane pilot.

Interview #3 (1973). Detailed description of entertaining the Pasha of Kénitra for DDE at the Cochran-Odlum Ranch. DDE's use of the Ranch as his winter office: providing a place where he could be alone to meditate; respecting and protecting his privacy; comments on the members of his secretarial staff; holding press conferences.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by John E. Wickman, 1968, 1970, 1973]