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Bart Lytton (1912-1969) was the finance chairman of the California Democratic State Committee from 1958 to 1960. This interview focuses on Lytton's friendship with John F. Kennedy, the importance of campaign finances, and the 1960 presidential campaign, among other topics.

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