Biographical Information: RICHARD D. OBENSHAIN

Richard D. Obenshain of Richmond, Virginia, has served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia since 1972. He is an attorney-at-law, a partner in the Richmond firm of Obenshain, Hinnant, Dolbeare & Beale since 1970. Prior to that time he was with the firm of McGuire, Woods & Battle, Richmond, Virginia, and a partner from 1966-1969.

Among Mr. Obenshain's political activities, he was Chairman of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, 1961-1964, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, 1964, and a candidate for Attorney General of Virginia, 1969.

His public and civic activities include membership on the Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University, since 1970; State Chairman, Virginia March of Dimes, 1970-1972; President, Bridgewater (Va.) College Alumni Association, 1971-1972; and the Advisory Board of the Richmond YWCA.

Mr. Obenshain was born in Abingdon, Virginia, October 31, 1935.

He received his B.A. in 1956 from Bridgewater (Va.) College, and his L.L.B. from New York University, 1959. He was married to the former Helen N. Wilkins of Washington, D.C., in 1961; they have three children, Mark, 12, Anne Scott, 9, and Kate, 6.