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Paper Title: “What Congress Looked Like From Inside the Eisenhower White House.”

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Davidson and Frances E. Lee as well as Congress Under Fire: Reform Politics and the Republican Majority (Houghton Mifflin, 1997), with C. Lawrence Evans.

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