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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments re DDE: as military officer before World War II; thoughts on teaching of communism; prospects for the Presidency. Comments re: reaction to DDE's possible nomination; work with the Technical Cooperation Administration; Point 4 Program; Foreign Operations Administration; his recommendation to implement reverse technical assistance; PL 480; surplus food disposal; Mutual Security Act; pros and cons in the use of grants and/or loans in the disposal and distribution of food surpluses; rewriting loan agreements; International Cooperation Administration. Joint Federal State Action Committee: purpose; factionalism within; DDE's philosophy; creation of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Congressional political barriers to implementation of Committee proposals; Marion Folsom; DDE's involvement and managerial approach; Sherman Adams. Assessment of the Eisenhower administration's economic program: political sensitivity to taxation issues. Puerto Rico statehood: economic aspects; relation of 1960 gubernatorial election. A name index appears at the end of the transcript.

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