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MORROW, E. FREDERIC (OH-376) 63 pages Open

Staff Advisor on race relations during 1952 campaign; advisor for business affairs in the Department of Commerce, 1953-55; administrative officer in the Special Projects Group, White House, 1955-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Duties as adviser on business affairs to Secretary of Commerce; reaction to Morrow in Department of Commerce. Delay in appointment to White House staff; comments on his life as a "human guinea pig". Participation in 1960 presidential campaign; Richard Nixon's failure to respond to the jailing of Martin Luther King contrasted with John F. Kennedy's actions. Delineation of his role on White House Staff; his recommendation the Administration follow Ten Commandments in dealing with blacks. President Eisenhower's views on race relations; influence of Southern associates on President's attitudes; Eisenhower's military experience with blacks; his testimony against integration of the armed forces. Remarks about George Allen; Eisenhower's strong sense of personal loyalty to close associates. Morrow's duties as speechwriter; working with Arthur Larson. Duties as Administrative Officer for Special Projects. Comments on Andrew Goodpaster, Sherman Adams, William Hopkins, and John Eisenhower. Relates difficulty in finding a publisher for Black Man in the White House; John Eisenhower and Doubleday's rejection of Morrow's manuscript. Reunion of Cabinet and White House staff at Gettysburg. Several comments on Richard Nixon; Nixon's trip to Africa. Comments on Leonard Garment and on Bryce Harlow. Describes relationship with Ann Whitman, Gerald Morgan, Wilton Persons, and Max Rabb. Summary comments on President Eisenhower's accomplishments in civil rights: integration in District of Columbia, completion of desegregation of armed forces, passage in 1957 of first civil rights bill in 100 years.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Thomas F. Soapes, February 23, 1977]