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Staff Secretary to the President, 1954-61.

**DESCRIPTION:** Interview #1. Comments re alleged CIA assassination plots; Cuba and efforts against Castro; the 5412 group of the NSC; and record of U-2 flights.

Interview #2. Personal background. Comments re his early years at West Point; his service in Panama, 1939-42; the 390 General Service Engineer Regiment at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; 48<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion at Camp Polk, Louisiana; and his service in Italy.

Interview #3. Comments re his service in Italy; his education at Princeton University; his service with General Eisenhower at SHAPE; his assignment with the San Francisco engineer district; General Alfred Gruenther; Eisenhower as a military executive and military leader; his duties as Staff Secretary and defense liaison officer on the White House staff; Arthur Minnich; John Eisenhower; Frederic Morrow; U-2 flights; DDE's views on military programs; nuclear disarmament; DDE's Open Skies proposal and the relationship between President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

Interview #4. Comments re staff work in the White House; DDE's working relationship with the White House staff; DDE's concern for disarmament, defense, and deterrence; the role of the President's Science Advisory Committee; the ability of the Secretaries of Defense to "control the Pentagon"; the "New Look" in military policy; DDE's concept about the role of Congress and public opinion in military and foreign policy; Suez crisis; DDE's support for Israel; Hungary; Indochina; and his comments on how he thinks historians should evaluate the Eisenhower presidency.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interviews by Maclyn P. Burg, 1975 and 1976, and by Thomas Soapes, 1977 and 1978]