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Wife of Wiley T. Buchanan who served as U.S. Minister to Luxembourg, 1953-55, and ambassador, 1955-57; Chief of Protocol, Department of State, 1957-61.

DESCRIPTION: Her initial contact with Dwight D. Eisenhower and her husband's efforts in the 1952 campaign; the 1953 Inauguration and events that occurred in conjunction with it; moving the family to Luxembourg after he husband was appointed as Minister; replacing Perle Mesta; the trip to Luxembourg; her husband's desire for appointment as Chief of Protocol; appointment to the position; her duties in planning State Department dinners; official visit from foreign dignitaries; State Dinners; anecdotes about various heads of state; floral arrangements in Luxembourg; many anecdotes about the visit of Nikita Khrushchev and his family; anecdotes about Mamie Eisenhower; formal dinners at the White House; visit to Camp David with Richard and Pat Nixon; impressions of Eisenhower.

[Eisenhower National Historic Site, National Park Service, interview by Donald E. Markle, May 29, 1998]