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Administrative Officer, U.S. Bureau of Budget, 1939-42, successively Budget Examiner, Assistant to Director, Deputy Assistant Director, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Assistant Director, 1945-58, Deputy Director, 1958-59; Chairman, U.S. Civil Service Commission, 1959-62; Senior Consultant, Special Assistant to Director, U.S. Bureau of Budget, 1962-68; Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, 1969-71, Consultant, 1971-75; served from Captain to Colonel, 1942-45, U.S. Army.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background information on Roger W. Jones; Jones' reaction to the Wriston Program in the Department of State; findings of Civil Service Commission inspection of Department of State; Jones' work during the Kennedy administration in the Department of State and the Bureau of the Budget; Jones' duties in the Bureau of the Budget during the Truman administration; Jones' recollections of President Truman's attitude toward presidential transition; preparation of final Truman administration budget, including assistance of Joseph Dodge; Jones' meetings with incoming Secretary of Commerce, Sinclair Weeks, on St. Lawrence Seaway issue; Jones' meeting with incoming Department of Interior staff; Jones' meeting with Bernard Shanley, President's counsel, about legislative programs; effect of final Eisenhower budget on Kennedy's foreign policy; workings of Bureau of Budget staff as a career staff rather than as a political staff; Jones' early dealings with Eisenhower while DDE was member of Joint Staff Planners; relationship of Bureau of Budget and Combined Chiefs Munitions Operation during World War II; policies Jones' views on Harry Hopkins as head of the Munitions Assignment Board; Jones' recollections of Field Marshal Sir John Dill, first British senior representative on the Combined Chiefs of Staff; Jones' recollection of his own activities during the Eisenhower administration; constitutional powers of the President; preparation of legislative program of the President for inclusion in 1954 State of the Union message; Eisenhower's views on organizing his White House staff; status of Budget Director on White House staff; career personnel in the Eisenhower administration; Jones' appointment to the Civil Service Commission; Eisenhower's influence in study of government salary levels to those in private enterprise; Jones' views on the Federal Employees Training Program; Jones' views on the Office of Personnel Advisor to the President; Jones' role as Chairman of the U.S. Civil Service Commission; Eugene Lyons, Assistant to President for Personnel management, 1959-61; Lyons' views on U.S. Civil Service Commission; John Macy, Jones' successor as chairman of U.S. Civil Service Commission; Civil Service Commission role in various salary reform bills; pros and cons of federal employee retirement benefits; President Eisenhower's feelings on the Dual Compensation Act and the Veterans Preference Act; Jones' views on military career employees, pay, retirement; Jones' perspective regarding the role of the Bureau of the Budget; index.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by Paul L. Hopper, 1967]

*Noted: This interview is not in chronological order. Once Mr. Jones give background information on himself, he jumps around to different periods in his life and his government career.