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Associate Press Secretary to the President, 1957-1959

Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re her position as chief of press relations and head of publicity for the women's division of the Republican National Committee; the Willkie campaign in 1940; Eisenhower's campaign train; the 1952 Republican nomination; her personal relationship with the Eisenhowers; the organization of the 1953 inauguration; her appointment as associate press secretary; Eisenhower's attitude toward equal job opportunities for women; Eisenhower's illness; Eisenhower's relationship with his staff (Sherman Adams); Eisenhower's image as a hero.

Interview #2. Daily routine at the White House; press conference procedures; "off-the-record" visitors; cabinet meetings procedures; Eisenhower's preparations for speeches; press conferences in foreign countries; Mamie's role as first lady; Milton Eisenhower; Eisenhower in the post-presidential years; assessment of Eisenhower's administration.

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