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West Point classmate and military associate of General Eisenhower.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments re the effect of acquaintances made at West Point, Fort Leavenworth; and other army posts upon Eisenhower's military career; Aurand's contacts with Ike after their graduation from West Point; Ike's opinion of granting favors; Aurand's version of two stories told by Ike in his autobiographies; comments re Ike's treatment of his subordinates, Aurand's appointment as Director of Research and Development of the War Department; negotiations for the separation of the Army and the Air Force; Eisenhower's decision to accept the presidency of Columbia University; comments re Eisenhower's objectives as U.S. President; West Point reunions; the relationship between President Eisenhower and Congress; comments re Mamie; personal background. A name index is located at the end of the transcript.

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