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Research director for campaign staff, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1952; presidential assistant for economic affairs, 1953-58.

Interview #1. Getting DDE as a presidential candidate: why DDE; Citizens for Eisenhower; Madison Square Garden Rally; Hauge's research functions. DDE seeking the nomination and running for president: Hauge's speech writing; DDE's major political advisors; Jenner incident in Indiana; McCarthy incident in Wisconsin; "Korea" speech; Nixon fund.

Interview #2. DDE's 1952 presidential campaign: Nixon fund; Hauge's speech writing function; agriculture speeches; labor speeches, and Stassen; youth involvement in the campaign (and contrasted with DDE's cabinet choices); DDE as a campaigner. Election night. Hauge becoming a member of the White House staff: Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) and Burns.

Interview #3. Hauge's role in the White House. Trade policy and tariff questions: DDE's feelings on trade; lead and zinc problems; agricultural surplus disposal and P.L. 480; Trade Agreements Act. Hauge's work on domestic agricultural problems. Short comments on 1954 tax cut, 1958 recession, and interstate highway system. Hauge's relationship to Burns and CEA.

Interview #4. Hauge's relationship to CEA: choosing CEA members; staffing CEA. DDE's grasp of economic matters. Foreign economic problems: balance of payments, and gold; reciprocal trade programs; foreign aid programs. Domestic matters: agricultural legislation, and Benson; Interior Department; the President (information flow and DDE's reading of newspapers; DDE's personality); Health, Education, and Welfare Department; Sputnik. Hauge leaving the White House staff in 1958.

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