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ALDRICH, WINTHROP (OH-250) 39 pages PRCQ to Col.

Bank executive; U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom, 1953-57.

Interview #1. Urging DDE to run for president. Selection as U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Comments on the 1956 Suez crisis: an earlier meeting with Egyptian King Farouk; British feelings towards the Suez Canal, and Nasser; John Foster Dulles' role in the crisis; Suez Canal Users Association; role of Anthony Eden and Selwyn Lloyd; communication problems between Aldrich and the State Department; resignation as ambassador when crisis ended. Relationships between DDE and Churchill; DDE and Dulles; Churchill and Dulles. His early banking career, and meetings with Churchill and Hitler. Anecdotes about Cohn and Schine coming to London to appraise his work. State Department's handling of its China experts. British impressions of DDE as WW II General, and U.S. President.

[COHP interview by David Berliner, 1972]