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DESCRIPTION: Family background; work history; military experiences; appointment to the State Department (incl. evolution of the Bureau of German Affairs, duties as executive director, appointment as Deputy Chief of Protocol, relationship with Wiley Q. Buchanan, duties as Deputy Chief of Protocol); the Eisenhower protocol office as model for the world; appointment to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; reappointment as Deputy Chief of Protocol (incl. drawbacks to the job, reasons for returning to the position, working with Emil Mossbacher, Jr.); anecdote regarding President and Mrs. Nixon and how Conger became curator of the White House; anecdote regarding the state visit of the Shah of Iran and the Empress Soraya; protocol for arrival ceremonies; anecdote regarding the state visit of King Muhammed V of Morocco (incl. the airport ceremonies, Eisenhower's illness, the re-arranged state dinner); anecdote regarding a diplomatic reception; general comments about state visits. NAME INDEX.

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