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Member of the Advisory Committee for the Eisenhower campaign of 1952; Special Counsel to President Eisenhower, 1953-55; Appointment Secretary to President Eisenhower, 1955-57.

DESCRIPTION: Shanley's relationship with Eisenhower prior to and during the campaign of 1952; appointment to and personnel of White House staff; Shanley's political activities prior to 1951; influence of Archie Alexander and David A. Morse on Shanley's entering political field; Clark Clifford; responsibilities for legal work as Special Counsel and legislative program of administration; President--staff learning how to deal with Congress; Roger Jones (Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Bureau of Budget), the Bureau of the Budget (BOB), and the legislative process; putting together a legislative program (1954): what to include (18 yr. old vote, item veto, etc.), input of departments, hearings; Eisenhower's reluctance to take positions on legislative issues; importance of BOB in reviewing purposed legislation; Shanley's diary; expertise of BOB in getting legislation corrected and ready for signature; Shanley as conduit between BOB and President for enrolled bills and enrolled bill memos; role of Special Counsel to set policy; President's and Special Counsel's reliance on BOB recommendations; flexibility of BOB in dealing with White House policy; Shanley's relationship with BOB; importance of [Joseph M.] Dodge, Director of BOB, 1953-54 in interpreting administration policy; contribution of BOB to effectiveness of Eisenhower administration; involvement of congressional liaison staff [Wilton B. "Jerry" Persons, Bryce N. Harlow, Jack Martin, Gerald "Jerry" Morgan] in policy making; closeness of Eisenhower's White House staff; Vice-President Nixon's involvement in policy making and in being part of the team; Shanley's observations on expanding White House staff.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Dr. Stephen J. Wayne and James F.C. Hyde, Jr., Spring, 1974]