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Assistant to the Research Director of Citizens for Eisenhower, 1952; Assistant White House Staff Secretary, 1953-55.

Description: Working with Gabriel Hauge on Citizens for Eisenhower staff; writing campaign speeches; Emmett Hughes and C. D. Jackson; Eisenhower's involvement in speech writing; lack of confidence in victory among campaign staff; Adlai Stevenson as political opponent; White House staff positions held; White House security office; Administration's sensitivity to loyalty issues; move to USIA in 1955 as policy officer on disarmament; Harold Stassen; move to dump Richard Nixon in 1956; Eisenhower's attitude toward Nixon; Hauge's economic influences on Eisenhower; Arthur Burns; Eisenhower's public personality; Eisenhower's lack of experience on racial issues; Eisenhower as a politician.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by Herbert Parmet, April 9, 1969]