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EVANS, LUTHER HARRIS (OH-135) 35 pages PRCQ (M)

Librarian of Congress, 1945-53; member, U.S. National Commission, UNESCO, 1946-52; member, executive board of UNESCO, 1949-53, director general, 1953-58.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Background information on Luther Harris Evans; Evans' first contact with Eisenhower; Duncan Emrich, aide to Eisenhower's staff during the invasion of Europe; Emrich's experiences in the invasion of Europe; Eisenhower's meeting with Evans at the library of Congress; discussion between Evans and Eisenhower about teaching more American history to young people; beginnings of the Cold War; Eisenhower's comment on the British Labor Party; Eisenhower's appointment as President of Columbia University; Eisenhower's opinion on accessibility of government records; presentation of military units flag to Eisenhower; disloyalty in UNESCO; experiences of Evans as chairman of the U.S. National Commission, UNESCO; selection of Evans as Director General of UNESCO; Evans' meeting with Eisenhower in October 1953 to discuss UNESCO; comments by Evans on Joseph McCarthy; selection of Evans' successor to UNESCO; comments by Evans on Joseph McCarthy; selection of Evans' successor to UNESCO; Evans' observations about Robert A. Taft, Senator from Ohio; Taft/Eisenhower struggle over patronage in the government; anecdotes about Eisenhower which Milton Eisenhower told Evans; observations about George V. Allen, Director of USIA; Evans' impressions of Eisenhower's reading habits.

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