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Son of President Eisenhower; Assistant White House Staff Secretary, 1958-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. With DDE during the 1930's in the Philippines: DDE's contribution towards organization of a Philippine army; DDE's opinion of Filipinos. DDE's feelings concerning the military-civilian relationship, and his early political leanings. The coming of World War II and DDE's military career 1939-42. The end of World War II: decision not to push to Berlin; U.S.-Russian link up; use of the atomic bomb. Short comments on President Truman, Lucius Clay and the occupation of Germany, George Marshall, and Harold Stassen. DDE running for President in 1952: Finder letter in 1948; retiring from the army to seek the nomination; DDE's opinion of Adlai Stevenson and Robert Taft as candidates. John's service in the Korean War. DDE's trip to Korea after the 1952 election, and his ending the war in 1953. DDE's attitude towards missile and satellite development. Comments on planning and events surrounding DDE's first inaugural in 1953. DDE's opinion of Republican party politics. The 1955 Geneva Summit: Nelson Rockefeller and the "Open Skies" plan; coming to conclusions about Khrushchev's position in Russia.

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