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Staff Secretary to the President, 1954-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re his activities during World War II; DDE during World War II; his early recollection and impression of DDE; his work in DDE's SHAPE headquarters; DDE as NATO commander; Project Solarium, 1953; the analytical thinking of DDE; DDE's references to not having a combat command in World War II; DDE's references to the Russians during the World War II period; early efforts to make DDE a presidential nominee; Goodpaster's selection as Staff Secretary; DDE's references to the slowness with which the federal bureaucracy responds to the executive; the operation of the office of Staff Secretary; his activities in the field of security operations and as Defense liaison for the President; and comments re the establishment of the Special Projects Office, 1959.

Interview #2. Comments re DDE's views on the operations in Guatemala, 1954; the Cuban revolution; Castro; foreign aid as a tool in foreign policy; Trujillo; and U.S. relations with Latin America. Comments re V.P. Nixon's Latin America trip; U.S. support for anti-Castro groups; the arms race in Latin America; population control; Soviet leadership during the post-Stalin period; Marshal Zhukov; Khrushchev; the Berlin issue; the 1956 uprising in Hungary; the Suez crisis; Nasser, and the Lebanon intervention.

Interview #3. Comments re the situation in Iraq at the time of the Lebanon intervention; General de Gaulle's proposal for a three power directorate within NATO; the development of NATO; the Berlin issue; Khrushchev's visit to the U.S.; the Trieste settlement; Korea; India and the Kashmir conflict; the defense of Taiwan and the Quemoy-Matsu issue; DDE's speaking ability; Indochina; South Vietnam; the postponement of DDE's trip to Japan; the emergence of new black nations in Africa; the 1955 Geneva Conference; the Atoms for Peace proposal; German reunification; the Middle East situation; weapons systems development; U.S.-Soviet relations; and the Open Skies proposal.

A name index for all three interviews is located at the end of interview #3.

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