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Special Assistant in the white House, 1954-56; Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, 1956-59; worked with Eisenhower on The White House Years.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background; describes early interest in politics; remembers his father campaigning for friends. Ewald's start with Eisenhower administration; lengthy description of job; distinguishing between speech writing styles of Bryce Harlow, Kevin McCann, and Emmet Hughes; lengthy discussion of C.D. Jackson. Ewald's activities during Eisenhower's first term. Writing for Department of Interior. Working with Fred Seaton as part of Nixon campaign in 1960; Ewald's impression of Nixon's relations with campaign staff; further discussion of speechwriting for Nixon campaign. Lengthy discussion of Ewald's contact with DDE while working on The White House Years; DDE's post-presidential disappointments; Eisenhower's feelings about his staff while in office.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview #1 by Dr. Thomas Soapes of the Roosevelt Library, 12/16/77.]