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President of Brown University, 1937-55; executive director of the American Assembly, 1955-58; president of the American Assembly, 1958-62.

**DESCRIPTION:** Wriston's friendship with Eisenhower (incl. the formation of the Association of American Universities, an anecdote regarding Eisenhower's first AMU meeting, Eisenhower's chairmanship of a study group on U.S.-European relationships, anecdotes relating to the NATO assignment, an anecdote relating to Eisenhower, Harold Stassen, and a New York conference); genesis of the American Assembly (incl. the atmosphere at Columbia, mechanics of setting up such a program, Eisenhower's rationale for the Assembly); comments about the Commission on the Relationship of the States to the Federal Government; the Secretary of State's Public Committee on Personnel (incl. the committee membership, accomplishments, an anecdote involving Eisenhower, a committee proposal and Scotty Reston); an anecdote relevant to a Wriston-committee report and John Foster Dulles; relationship with Eisenhower; the Goals Commission (incl. history of the movement, financing the committee, results of the study, comments about participants); the attitude of the news media toward Eisenhower; an anecdote about Eisenhower and a speech writer; a comment about Sherman Adams; the attitude of the intellectual community toward Eisenhower; the Eisenhower memorandum on NATO; Eisenhower as a listener/learner; comments about American Assembly activities after Eisenhower became President; Eisenhower as a speaker; Eisenhower's role in foreign affairs.

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