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Chief European correspondent and European Director of CBS in London, 1946-57, and CBS correspondent, Washington Bureau, 1957-61.

DESCRIPTION: Sketch of early career; early association with Eisenhower; opinion on U.S.-British relations; Dien Bien Phu; Aswan Dam; Anthony Eden, John Foster Dulles and the Suez Crisis; German attitude toward Eisenhower; Eisenhower-Dulles and foreign affairs; European opinion of Dulles; Sherman Adams and the "vicuna coat" affair; Eisenhower's relations with Democratic Congress; rating of Eisenhower by historians; Eisenhower's achievements and faults; urban living and pollution; Eisenhower's neglect in area of civil rights; opinion on Eisenhower's cabinet as advisors; Johnson's rapport with state governors and intellectuals; Joseph McCarthy; conventional forces and nuclear weapons; Berlin Crisis; the space race; Smith's coverage of Suez Crisis; intervention in Hungary; anti-Americanism abroad; Eisenhower's relations with the press; Truman's comment on use of atomic weapons in Korea; Eisenhower's press conferences; Smith's opinion of prominent people in administration (including Attorney General William Rogers and Press secretary James Hagerty); Dulles' State Department; Nixon's role in the administration; Eisenhower's failure to support Nixon in 1960; Nixon-Kennedy debates; the Geneva meeting; the U-2 incident; Khrushchev's visits to the U.S.; Earl Warren and the Supreme Court; Eisenhower's personality and relations with people.

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