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Aide-de-camp to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1947-52; Military Aide to the President, 1953-61; executive assistant to ex-President Eisenhower, 1961-69.

DESCRIPTION: PART I: Background as a transportation officer; first jobs for Eisenhower, 1945 (incl. anecdotes concerning the trip to Boston, the return to Washington, the visit to Boone, Iowa, and Chicago, and train arrangements for White Sulphur Springs, evolving duties); the trip to Brazil (incl. responsibilities as Eisenhower's aide, personnel involved, itinerary, meeting Vernon A. Walters, anecdotes about the activities in Brazil and the return trip, an anecdote regarding the Eisenhower temperament); more anecdotes concerning the Boston-Boone-Chicago trip (incl. publicity, transportation, accompanying Mamie back to Washington); the Canadian trip, 1946 (incl. the Mount Eisenhower honor, an anecdote involving the aides, a hockey game, and the Prime Minister's box); an anecdote concerning Winston Churchill's 1946 visit; comments about trips to Georgia and Wisconsin; an anecdote involving [Charles I.] Bennett, Eisenhower's pilot, and Eisenhower's attitude toward all his pilots; comments about the Mexico City stop, 1946; general comments about Mamie (incl. her attitude toward flying, her inner ear problem); several anecdotes regarding service as Eisenhower's aide (incl. during the pre-Inaugural period and on an earlier trip to the Southwest); Eisenhower's trip to Abilene for his mother's funeral; comments about Field Marshall Montgomery; an anecdote regarding events of Eisenhower's train trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia; several anecdotes regarding the difficulties of crowd control; miscellaneous comments about trips through the end of 1946; an anecdote concerning Eisenhower's cooking; comments about Eisenhower's "never getting finished with things.")

PART II: An anecdote concerning Eisenhower's advice to Schulz regarding an Army career; comments about Eisenhower's friendship with [Edward Everett, Jr.] "Swede" Hazlett; anecdotes involving Thomas Watson of IBM, a visit to Columbia University, and a week-end at Watson's home; comments about Eisenhower's writing of Crusade in Europe; difficulties encountered in getting the Eisenhowers moved to Columbia; general comments about controlling an Eisenhower appearance; some details concerning John Eisenhower's wedding; political maneuvering (incl. some of the names involved, difficulties of wording responses to political requests); an anecdote involving Sergeant [John] Moaney and the Netherlands Sword; an anecdote concerned with Eisenhower's starting to paint; an anecdote regarding Eisenhower's first day in his Columbia University office; Eisenhower's tailors; an anecdote regarding Eisenhower and the Bohemian Grove; exploiting the Eisenhower name; an anecdote concerning Eisenhower's Columbia inauguration; general comments about "Eisenhower weather"; comments about the area around Columbia; the inception of the American Assembly; the Nichols' study group; anecdotes regarding the NATO assignment; an anecdote regarding Eisenhower's last cigarette; Eisenhower at Key West; comments about Eisenhower's mail (incl. volume of, his attitude toward, processing, handling of individual pieces, an anecdote regarding an irate reporter and Eisenhower's staff, dealing with mistakes); the news media (incl. Eisenhower's relationship with

reporters and news organizations, changes in attitudes toward news reporting, method developed for handling Eisenhower's statements from Gettysburg, Eisenhower's relationship with war-time media, Eisenhower's attitude toward misrepresentation in news items, an anecdote involving Merv Griffin, Merriman Smith, and news distortion); general comments about Eisenhower aides; demands on Eisenhower's time; Eisenhower's attitude toward titles.

PART III: Eisenhower's interest in Denver real estate; developing the American Assembly concept; an anecdote involving Eisenhower's consideration for subordinates; comments about Eisenhower's memory for details; an Eisenhower comment on deer hunting; political overtones in Eisenhower's speeches; general comments and anecdotes about Eisenhower's daily schedules and appearances; the NATO assignment (incl. an anecdote concerning Eisenhower's appointment, transportation and housing, Eisenhower's letter to officers selected for SHAPE); Eisenhower's reliance on Schulz as personal aide; mounting political pressures; comments about the SHAPE Public Information personnel; Schulz's continuing relationship with Eisenhower (incl. anecdotes about moving Eisenhower back to Columbia, duties during the campaign period, organizing Eisenhower's papers, comments concerning Election Night activities, appointment as Eisenhower's military aide).

PART IV: Eisenhower's attitude toward decision-making; Eisenhower's process of decision-making; Schulz as military aide (incl. his relationship with Eisenhower, an anecdote concerning his "influence" on Eisenhower); general comments about the role of an Eisenhower aide; Eisenhower and his staff (incl. use of, treatment of); Eisenhower's attitude toward Presidential security; the Kennedy assassination (incl. immediate actions involving Eisenhower, a press conference, Eisenhower's reaction to the possibility of assassination and the question of succession); the job of the Secret Service; Eisenhower's state visit to Paris (incl. general comments about foreign trips, anecdotes concerning the protocol problems of drivers and cars, several anecdotes regarding Col. [Vernon A.] Dick Walters' translating skills, the inception of appreciation luncheons); moving the Eisenhowers' possessions to the White House; Inauguration Day anecdotes; "Gruenthergrams"; Eisenhower's White House staff operation; comments about the turnover period between administrations; an anecdote about Schulz, the Queen Mother of England, and a Pentagon tour; support personnel (incl. Eisenhower's attitude toward costs, functions of the military aides, security concerns, regulating the "social aides"); acting as Eisenhower's aide (incl. social situations, financial affairs, Schulz as personal greeter and escort, Eisenhower's sense of protocol, Khrushchev and the proposed Russian trip, an anecdote concerning Chancellor Konrad Adenauer); an anecdote involving linguist [Vernon A.] Walters and [Charles] de Gaulle; general comments about some Eisenhower habits.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by Ed Edwin, Part I, Jan. 6, 1968; Part II, Jan. 27, 1968; Part III, Feb. 24, 1968; Part IV, March 23, 1968]