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Member, Eisenhower's election campaign staff, 1952; President's Associate Counsel, 1953; Secretary to the Cabinet, 1953-58.

Interview #1. Comment on job as assistant to H.C. Lodge in DDE's 1952 election campaign. Origin of his position as unofficial race relations advisor to DDE. General comments on DDE and civil rights: DDE's philosophy on how to handle civil rights; the record of accomplishments by the Eisenhower administration; DDE's use of executive actions. E. Frederic Morrow. DDE's actions towards: Brown vs. Board of Education; Little Rock crisis. Adam Clayton Powell. Desegregation in the military: army base schools; Secretary of the Navy R. Anderson and navy yard desegregation; Veterans Administration hospitals. Equality Committee. Desegregation in Washington, D.C. Vice President R. Nixon and the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

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