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DESCRIPTION: Position on White House staff; education; joining the Shanley-Fisher law firm in Newark; association with Bernard M. Shanley; working in the White House; association with Roger Jones; the Administration and the legislative process (including use of the Bureau of the Budget; Barba's responsibilities; other staff members involved with legislative issues; procedures for dealing with enrolled bills; Sherman Adams' role; the President's reaction to bills; merit vs. politics in bill handling; getting bills to the White House; the postal pay increase veto; formulating administrative position on pending legislation; anecdote regarding the ceremony of signing a bill); Barba's closing comments on Roger Jones, the efficacy of the Bureau of the Budget, and the consultation process in the White House.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Dr. Stephen J. Wayne and James F.C. Hyde, Jr., Spring, 1974]