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Assistant to the White House Staff Secretary, 1959-61.

DESCRIPTION: PART I: Personal information: family, early education, father's work, Yale experiences; Harvard Law School and interest in international and world law (1950-53); influence of Professor Lewis Sohn; [pgs. 17-21 omitted]; summer, 1949, Oxford University; [pg. 24 omitted]; military experiences [pg. 25 omitted] and OCS training; results of OCS training; [pgs. 33-37 omitted].

PART II: [pgs. 38-40 omitted]; joining of New York law firm, Cravath, Swaine, and Moore, in litigation department; [pgs.42-44 omitted]; marriage to Elsbeth Gimmler, 1956; [pg. 45 omission]; work on Bethlehem Steel Company anti-trust case; experiences at Cravath; disillusionment with law; [pg. 53 omitted]; interest in government service, 1958; [pgs. 58-60 omitted]; Russell's nomination by Timothy W. Stanley to White House job; [pgs. 63-64 omitted]; interview with Staff Secretary General Andrew J. Goodpaster; [pgs. 66-67 omitted]; requirements of job; [pg. 68, 72-74 omitted]; joining White House Staff Secretary's office under Albert "Al" P. Toner, Assistant to Staff Secretary; nature of work done.

PART III: Daily publication of "Staff Notes" containing priority information for the President of a confidential nature; limited distribution of "Notes"; sources of material gathered; supplemental publications; attitudes of various departments toward "Staff Notes"; typical morning routine of news gathering; division of work between Toner and Russell; editing information; Eisenhower's insistence on no more than two pages of "Notes"; delivery of "Notes" to Goodpaster at 7:30 daily; Vice-President Nixon's difficulty in acquiring information; comments about Robert E. Cushman, Executive Assistant to Vice-President Nixon; personal comments on Al Toner; work schedule in the staff secretary's office.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interviews by Dr. Maclyn P. Burg, on November 21, 1974; February 6, 1975; June 26, 1975.]