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Associate Special Counsel and Administrative Assistant to the President, 1956-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background: early government service; law school; job with Senator Ball; sympathies for Taft. Work as the general counsel for the House Committee on Education and Labor: functioning of the committee; anecdotes involving committee members. Comments re White House assignments; functioning as coordinator of executive branch interests and liaison with Congress; Sherman Adams; Harold Stassen; Adams and the press; the Goldfine incident; political intrusion from the White House; as administrative assistant to the President. Comments re 1960 campaign: taking on a political assignment; Eisenhower's involvement. Comments re 1964 campaign and the selection of Miller.

Interview #2. Comments re the last two years of DDE's presidency: ramifications of the 1958 election; change in Republican leadership; Les Arends; DDE's relationship with Republican congressional leaders; DDE's veto record; labor legislation; DDE's congressional relations, influence on public opinion, appeals to the public. A general discussion of the White House staff: the roles performed by various staff members; James Hagerty and his relations with the press; Secret Service; General Snyder. Comments re the 1964 campaign: Eisenhower's involvement; Bill Miller; Scranton letter; Hersey unity conference; the possibility of a Goldwater-Scranton ticket. A name index at the end of the transcript.

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