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DESCRIPTION: Career background as newsman; 1936-Nashville, TN; 1940--Navy Department; 1943--general assignment, State Department, foreign policy of the post-war period; direct conversation with Eisenhower twice; comments on changes after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles; Eisenhower's attempt to reach out to the communist world, to create personal relationships; the Geneva summit in 1955; the "Open Skies" proposal; Khrushchev's visit to the U.S.; comments on Communists' concept of other nations; Dulles' and Eisenhower's views of foreign policy; the role of journalists at press conferences; Indochina policy; comments on Eisenhower's decision-making and communication skills; comments on Dulles and his leadership; relations with Communist China, Israel, Egypt's [Gamal Abdel] Nasser, West Germany's [Konrad] Adenauer and Great Britain's [Anthony] Eden; Dulles and the press; Dulles' views on Asia; the beginning of U.S. commitments in Asia; major achievements of the Eisenhower Administration in foreign diplomacy; the McCarthy issue; comments on Dulles' press aides, Carl McCardle and Andrew Berding.

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