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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments re the American Assembly and the Arden House meetings; his experiences as President of Columbia University; his appointment as SHAPE commander by Truman; his concern about neoisolationist sentiment in the country following World War II; his conversation with Senator Taft concerning collective security in 1948; the pressure on him to run for president in 1948 and 1952; Philip Murray; John L. Lewis; Walter Reuther; George Meany; efforts to repeal section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act; Martin P. Durkin; James P. Mitchell; General Marshall and the China Mission; his appointment as Army Chief of Staff by Truman; his observations concerning China; John Foster Dulles; Christian Herter; the death of Stalin; the Open Skies proposal of 1955; Lebanon; Cuba; Indochina; the French defeat at Dien Bien Phu; the value of intelligence received by the President; the Suez crisis; the Soviet intervention in Hungary, 1956; U.S.-Latin American relations; his working relationship with congressional leaders; Barry Goldwater; the future of the Republican party in the South; the 1960 and 1964 Presidential campaigns; the appointment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice; the appointment of federal judges; the Oppenheimer case; the interstate highway system; the problem of inflation; his decision making process as president; Andrew J. Goodpaster; and Lucius Clay.

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