Interview #1. Appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps. Anecdote about John A. McCone and the construction of a nuclear power plant at Camp Pendleton. DDE’s knowledge of farming and cattle breeding. Anecdotes about why he enlisted in the Marine Corps. His attendance at meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. U.S. defense programs: need for a guiding national security policy; problems with a military-industrial complex; civilian control over the military. American involvement in Indochina.

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