
DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background on his journalism career. His impressions of DDE during the Louisiana maneuvers in 1941. DDE at SHAPE: how DDE viewed Robert Taft’s attitude towards NATO and SHAPE; anecdote about DDE hearing that President Truman dismissed General MacArthur; comments on General Al Gruenther. DDE going to Korea in December 1952 to fulfill his campaign pledge: secret arrangements for the trip; anecdotes about Sherrod covering the visit in Korea; DDE’s activities while in Korea; relationship established between DDE and Admiral Arthur Radford. Comments from Sherrod’s interview with Harry S. Truman in 1964: the 1953 presidential inauguration; the constitutional ban on being U.S. President for more than two terms; the 1952 campaign. DDE’s friendship with Ben Hibbs, and DDE’s writing articles for the Saturday Evening Post.

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