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News correspondent for CBS, 1951-54; News commentator for ABC, 1955-67

DESCRIPTION: Career background as foreign correspondent in Europe for the Chicago Daily News, 1943-46; comments on Eisenhower and [George S.] Patton; beginning as junior correspondent at CBS covering 1952 elections; the Republican convention and the campaign; Morgan’s impressions of Eisenhower’s popularity; news conferences at the White House; comments on the major achievements of the Eisenhower Administration in strengthening the Republican party and attracting young people; comments on shortcomings in not uniting the party and not making a strong statement on the desegregation of schools after the 1954 Supreme Court decision; humorous comments on news conferences; positive comments on foreign relations and keeping the peace; Eisenhower’s writing skill and popularity with crowds; criticism of the U-2 incident; comments on the Warren Court; Eisenhower working with a Democratic Congress; comments and criticisms of Eisenhower’s cabinet secretaries, Nelson Rockefeller and Sherman Adams; John F. Dulles and Vietnam; Allen Dulles and Cuba; the leaders of organized labor; Vice-President Nixon’s trip to the Soviet Union and his “Kitchen Debate” with Khrushchev; comments on Nixon’s trip to South America and to Africa; the 1960 campaign debates; closing comments on Eisenhower and the press.

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