Military associate of General Eisenhower during World War II; Special Assistant to the
President for aviation, 1957-58; Chairman, Airways Modernization Board, 1957-58;
Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), 1958-61.

Interview #1. Service during World War II: meeting Eisenhower; his role with the air
force and the Normandy invasion; army and air force cooperation. The Curtis Report,
and recommendations to improve airplane traffic. Special Assistant to the President:
implementing the Curtis Report recommendations; setting up the Federal Aviation
Agency. Appointment as FAA Administrator. Problems as FAA Administrator:
absorbing functions from several other agencies; fight over Federal Aid to Airports bill;
fight over ruling of maximum age for air carrier operations pilots.

Interview #2. Administrator of FAA: controversy over Lockheed Electra accidents;
DDE’s views on military versus commercial needs for air space; relations with Congress;
fight over ruling of maximum age for air carrier operations pilots; the “third seat”
controversy (question of having three pilots in the cockpit); fight over Federal Aid to
Airports bill. Implementing the Curtis Report recommendations.