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Commanding General, 1953-59, and Senior Surgeon, 1959-70, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Surgeon General, Department of the Army, 1959-69.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Background information: early education and entry into the Army; service at Pearl Harbor, December 1941; service in England, 1944-45; choice as Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Comments on DDE's heart attack in 1955: care provided by DDE's personal physician, Howard Snyder; effect of the attack on DDE's life style; DDE's cooperation as a patient. Comments on DDE's ileitis operation in 1956: history and diagnosis of the problem; description and justification of the surgical procedure used in the operation; DDE's convalescence. Comments on DDE's minor cerebral artery spasm in 1957. Comments on DDE's final illnesses: removal of gall bladder in 1966; heart attacks in 1968; DDE's last hours in March 1969.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn P. Burg, 1975]