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Active in the Eisenhower campaigns of 1952 and 1956; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, 1953-54.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Early years with United Airlines and work as Assistant to the President of United Airlines, 1940-57. Duties and responsibilities as director of air transportation during the 1952 campaign; his work with Lou Kelly on scheduling; DDE's love for air travel. Duties as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, 1953-54; his experience with the "McCarthy problem"; congressional disapproval of the 1953 Defense budget; the New Look defense budget. Advance work during the 1956 campaign. His relationships with Fred Seaton, Arthur Summerfield, and Charles Wilson.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn P. burg and Thomas F. Soapes, 1976]