Provost, Columbia University, 1949-51; President, Columbia University, 1953-68.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re status of the school when DDE became president of Columbia University. Comments re DDE adjusting to the problems he faced as president of Columbia; selection of Paul Davis to supervise fund raising for Columbia University; problems with Robert L. Schulz in controlling access to DDE; DDE’s ability to adapt to Columbia University; DDE’s decision making process; DDE’s interest in citizenship programs; operation and goals of the American Assembly; DDE’s involvement with the Institute for War and Peace; Columbia’s engineering program while DDE was president; the donation of the Arden House estate to the University by Averell Harriman; and faculty presidential preferences during the 1952 campaign.

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