DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re Shepley’s relationship with Eisenhower; the coinage of the term “brinkmanship”; the relationship between John Foster Dulles and Eisenhower; the nature and effectiveness of Dulles’ statesmanship as compared to previous Secretaries of State; Dulles’ relationship with the British; Dulles’ and Eisenhower’s opinions on Red China and the question of Quemoy and Matsu; involvement in Indochina; Dulles’ relationship with C.D. Jackson, Harold Stassen, and Nelson Rockefeller; Shepley’s estimate of the effects of McCarthyism on the State Department; Henry Luce’s involvement with Eisenhower; Sherman Adams; Wilton B. Persons; George Humphrey; Shepley’s opinion of Nixon and the campaign of 1960; Eisenhower’s relationship with the press; achievements and shortcomings of Eisenhower’s administration.

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