ADAMS, SHERMAN

Republican governor of New Hampshire, 1949-53; Chief of Staff of Dwight D. Eisenhower's Presidential campaign, 1952; The Assistant to the President, 1953-58.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1: First meeting with Eisenhower; growing support for Eisenhower in 1951-1952; comparison of Eisenhower to Robert Taft; political temperament of New Hampshire in 1952; organization of White House staff; circumstances leading to Adams appointment as Chief of Staff; scheduling appointments with the President; Emmett Hughes; the process of speech writing for the President.

Interview #2: Eisenhower's attitude toward Richard Nixon and the selection of a Vice Presidential candidate in 1956; Eisenhower and political thinking; Harry Byrd; school integration; Eisenhower's frustration with the right wing of the Republican party; how the Republican conservatives viewed Adams; the Goldfine case; Adams' evaluation of Eisenhower as President.

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