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: Isolationism versus the US responsibility for international welfare; New Hampshire residents traveled to France to meet with Dwight D. Eisenhower; impression that he was the best man to deal with the nation’s problems; delegation included Bob Burroughs, Norris Cotton; question about Eisenhower’s party affiliation; Henry Cabot Lodge meeting with Eisenhower; New Hampshire primary; persons involved in selecting the Cabinet; composition of the White House staff; Council of Economic Advisors and the General Agreements on Tariff and Trade (GATT); recollections of the White House staff; selection of Cabinet members; Adams’ function in relation to the staff; effect of Eisenhower’s heart attack on the work of the staff; Eisenhower’s strengths and weaknesses as President; applicability of the Eisenhower staff system to other Administrations; assessment of his own abilities.

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