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DESCRIPTION: the relationship between the press and the State Department during the Eisenhower administration (incl. [John Foster] Dulles' use of public press conferences, his use of private press sessions, his accessibility to the press); Roberts' assessment of Dulles as a secretary of state; Dulles' relationships with foreign leaders; the President vs. the Secretary of State (incl. Indochina—Dulles' views on intervention against Eisenhower's decision for non-intervention; the Geneva Summit—Dulles' rationale for not according the Soviet Union superpower status as opposed to Eisenhower's understanding of the dangers inherent in possessing nuclear power); Dulles' relationships with Harold Stassen and Nelson Rockefeller; the influence of [Joseph] McCarthy on Dulles' relationship with the career people in the State Department; recognition of Red China (incl. general views of the difficulties involved, the problems posed by the offshore islands); reactions to Dulles' extensive travel; assessment of the following Eisenhower administration policies: dealing with the Russian leadership, the containment policy re the USSR in Europe, the Indochina problem, the Hungarian and Suez crises, the Eisenhower—Dulles attitude toward European colonialism, Latin American affairs); critique of Eisenhower's grasp of foreign affairs.

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[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by John Luter, Aug. 29, 1967]