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Special Assistant for Manpower, Navy Department, 1955-56; Special Assistant in the White House, 1956-58; Secretary to the Cabinet, 1958-61.

Interview #1. Comments on Gray's book Eighteen Acres Under Glass: reaction by former White House staff members; discussion with DDE on plans for the book; S. Adams' interpretation of the section on him. Richard Nixon: DDE-Nixon relationship; Nixon preparing self for the Presidency. Observations on DDE: his handling of news conferences; his memory; his character; his views towards politicians; his temper. Sherman Adams: his reputation for toughness; his fall from power. DDE's feelings for the Presidency. DDE's use of informal advisors: Billy Graham; General L. Clay; Sidney Weinberg.

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