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DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Comments on first meeting with DDE and their relationship at Columbia University; James Forrestal; and Ginzberg's Conservation Project at Columbia University. DDE's reaction to Ginzberg's book, Negro Potential; desegregation of the army in 1951-52. Discussion of his analysis of DDE's views on the presidency and his relationship with General Snyder. Ginzberg's political advice to DDE on such topics as McCarthy, the Rosenbergs, and Ben-Gurion; Robert Anderson's mission to the Middle East. Comments on DDE's decision to seek a second term and his attempt to replace Richard Nixon with Robert Anderson as vice president. Ginzberg's views on Nixon and Allen Dulles; his relationship with General Snyder; DDE's disappointment with appointment of Charles Wilson as Secretary of Defense. Internal politics at Columbia University and DDE's appointment of Grayson Kirk as provost; MDE's dislike of Columbia University; American Assembly and DDE's interest in it; DDE's smoking habits.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #2. Lengthy discussion of DDE's feelings about Truman, his appointment as NATO commander, Truman's views on George C. Marshall. Ginzberg's assessment of the Eisenhower presidency; DDE's temper; General Snyder's stabilizing role in MDE's and DDE's marriage; comments on the Eisenhower's marriage. DDE's conservatism with regard to blacks and women; his appointment of Oveta Culp Hobby, Nelson Rockefeller. Discussion of DDE's liking for the luxuries of life; DDE's relationship with Thomas Dewey during the 1948 campaign; John Foster Dulles; Columbia University before and after DDE's tenure as president.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview #1 by David Horrocks, 1975, and interview #2 by Thomas Soapes, 1978]