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DESCRIPTION: Background information; Emmet Hughes as Dwight Eisenhower's speech writer; Kieve's work at CBS; his work as assistant to Emmet Hughes—conducting research and drafting correspondence; Hughes' meeting with Eisenhower concerning the April 1953 speech (after the death of Stalin); Eisenhower's editing style and his grasp of the English language; Eisenhower's press conferences and verbatim direct quotation; people involved in research for speeches; the agriculture message; comparison of Bryce Harlow and Emmet Hughes as writers; assessment of Ann Whitman as Eisenhower's personal secretary; opinion of Sherman Adams; anecdote concerning meeting with Sherman Adams; Maxwell Rabb; Kieve's speech writing during the 1956 campaign; his work as assistant to Abbott Washburn at U.S.I.A.; anecdote concerning foreign trade speech given by Eisenhower in the fall of 1953.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Thomas Soapes on April 10, 1978]