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Secretary to Emmett Graham, Executive Secretary of the Eisenhower Foundation.

DESCRIPTION: Comments re: personal background; beginning of the Eisenhower Foundation; types of memorials suggested to honor DDE; Harry Darby; Joyce Hall; origin of the idea to restore and preserve the Eisenhower home; the Sun Oil Company's proposal for a memorial; fund raising for the Museum; attitude of the Eisenhower brothers toward the family home; Ida and David Eisenhower; social class distinctions and racial atmosphere in Abilene during Mellor's childhood; J. Earl Schaefer and Col. A. E. Howse's association with the Foundation; contributions to the Foundation; planning for Eisenhower's homecoming in 1952; unanticipated problems during Eisenhower's visits to Abilene; the press at the 1952 homecoming; possibility of Milton running for office; the concept of a Presidential Library for Eisenhower; items donated to the Museum by Mrs. Doud.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Thomas Soapes, 1976]