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Aide-de-camp to General Dwight Eisenhower, 1947-52; Military Aide to the President, 1953-61; executive assistant to ex-president Eisenhower, 1961-69.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Morning walk to office with President; Eisenhower's philosophy as evidenced by Freedom's Foundation, the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships, People to People, and Cerebral Palsy; the American Assembly; Ralph Bunche's honorary degree at Columbia University; Eisenhower's desire to have former trusted staff members around him (SHAPE and White House); the "military" issue during the Presidential campaign; Eisenhower's resignation from military after nomination; Eisenhower's philosophy of SHAPE as a policy-making unit vs. operating unit of NATO; staffing difficulties for Schulz during the post-Presidency; Eisenhower as head of the party and elder statesman; Eisenhower at the American Royal; incident with Truman; the Gettysburg staff; funding difficulties; Eisenhower's insistence on division between political and personal activity funding; President Kennedy's respect for Eisenhower; Eisenhower's advisory relationship with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Interview #2. Restoration of Eisenhower's five-star rank; Eisenhower's reasons for taking former-President's pension as opposed to military pension; federal funding for a former President's staff; problems of interpretation of law; problems involving funding and functions of former Presidents; ex-Presidential mail; Schulz's views on post-Presidential staffing and the need for a non-political liaison office for former Presidents; Schulz-Wickman's thoughts on the desirability of combining such an entity with the National Archives' Office of Presidential Libraries and attaching the new office to the White House; functions of such an office; Presidential library operations.

Interview #3. Establishment of the Office of Liaison with Former Presidents; Schulz in charge and Colonel Richard W. Streiff as deputy; Eisenhower as originator of the concept for the office; Eisenhower's interest in developing a talent pool of former governmental officials; Johnson's use of Eisenhower; Eisenhower's relationship with Truman; Eisenhower and Kevin McCann regarding liaison office; Schulz's routine with Eisenhower during stay at Walter Reed Hospital; formal memorandum concerning liaison office given to President-elect Nixon (Nov. 6, 1968); Nixon's birthday message to Eisenhower (Oct. 1968); executive order drafted; Bryce Harlow's support for concept; order for liaison office signed by President Nixon (Feb. 14, 1969); Schulz takes charge; setting up the office; problems with Haldeman's White House staff.

Interview #4. Problems with White House staff concerning procedures; briefings for former Presidents; procedure for transmitting classified materials to former Presidents; lack of communication with Haldeman; retirement of Schulz (Jan. 1973); existence of office on paper only; contacts with President Nixon; Eisenhower's staff people (Paul T.

“Pete” Carroll; General Wilton B. Persons; Roger Steffan) organizing the White House after election; experienced people on staff (Bill Hopkins, Wayne Hawks, Tom Stevens; Jim Hagerty).

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interviews 1 and 2 by Dr. John E. Wickman, July 23, 1972, and August 18, 1972; interviews 3 and 4 by Dr. Maclyn Burg, August 20, 1974, and June 24, 1975]