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Staff Advisor on race relations during 1952 campaign; advisor for business affairs in the Department of Commerce, 1953-55; administrative officer in the Special Projects Group, White House, 1955-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments re his role in the 1952 campaign; the resistance by party leaders to his involvement in the New Jersey Republican party; training and treatment of Negro soldiers during World War II; expectations of Negro soldiers upon returning from World War II; the development of speeches for DDE during the 1952 campaign; Sherman Adams; General Wilton Persons; his working relationship with DDE while he was President; DDE's attitudes toward civil rights; his assessment of the degree of progress made by the Negro during the Eisenhower Administration; the Black Muslim organization; DDE's meeting with the black leadership in 1958; A. Phillip Randolph; the appeal of "radical" groups in the civil rights movement; Morrow's duties as a member of the White House staff; Jackie Robinson; Adam Clayton Powell; DDE's reaction to the 1954 Supreme Court decision on segregated schools.

Interview #2. Comments re his duties as administrative assistant for special projects; the Open Skies proposal; Harold Stassen; civil rights; problems in gathering the facts and presenting alternatives to the President for his decision; the Korean settlement; DDE's ability to deliver speeches; the Eisenhower Administration's concern for civil rights; Martin Luther King; Lester Granger; A. Phillip Randolph; Roy Wilkins; DDE's religious belief and background; the Civil Rights Act of 1957; Morrow's foreign travels and speeches; Africa; Liberia; Guinea; Richard Nixon; the 1960 presidential campaign; Sherman Adams; DDE's illnesses; the 1956 presidential campaign; Medicare; the desegregation of Washington, D.C.; the desegregation of the armed forces; White House stag dinners.

A name index for both interviews is located at the end of the second interview.

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