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Close friend of the Eisenhowers; founder and chairman of the board, Augusta National Golf Club

DESCRIPTION: PART I: Biographical information; the Eisenhowers and the Augusta National Golf Club (incl. Eisenhower's golf expertise, providing privacy for Eisenhower, Mamie's love for Augusta, the nature of Roberts' friendship with Eisenhower, accommodations at Augusta, Eisenhower's health at Augusta); anecdotes involving Eisenhower's going to Columbia University; meeting Eisenhower's golfing requirements; Eisenhower as a bridge player (incl. his competitive nature, his bridge-playing crowd); general comments and anecdotes regarding President Truman's efforts to have Eisenhower run for the Presidency; general comments and an anecdote involving Eisenhower and MacArthur; security measures at Augusta; Eisenhower and politics in 1948 (incl. an anecdote involving an Eisenhower meeting with [Thomas E.] Tom Dewey, Eisenhower's interest in a political career, Eisenhower's continuing involvement in military affairs, the NATO assignment, an anecdote involving the Eisenhowers at Columbia).

PART II: Anecdote regarding Election Night, 1948; Eisenhower's military role while at Columbia; Eisenhower's interest in painting (incl. friendship with Thomas [Edgar] Stephens, Eisenhower's painting output); Eisenhower's friendship with [Winston] Churchill; Eisenhower and Gen. [George C.] Marshall (incl. their friendship, Marshall's view of a soldier's duty); Eisenhower's dictating and speech-writing habits; the NATO appointment; general comments about [Bernard L.] Montgomery; Eisenhower and golf in Paris; an anecdote about Eisenhower's ability to speak French.

PART III: This segment of the Roberts' interview is concerned solely with the particulars of Eisenhower's financial affairs. Includes details regarding the publishing of Crusade in Europe; Roberts' role in the management of Eisenhower's money; development of a plan to handle Eisenhower's financial affairs during his tenure as President; individuals involved in managing Eisenhower's affairs; Eisenhower's interest in the field of finance; estimate of Eisenhower's financial worth [1968].

PART IV: Comments about finances involving Eisenhower's book on his Presidency; an anecdote involving Eisenhower and the Trianon Palace Hotel; comments about the Eisenhowers' social life during the NATO assignment (incl. security concerns, relationship with [Charles] de Gaulle, an anecdote concerning John Eisenhower and golf, comments about members of Mamie Eisenhower's family); the difficulties of member countries in financing NATO programs; Eisenhower's interest in a European economic coalition; anecdotes involving [Winston] Churchill; the Eisenhowers' attitudes toward his potential candidacy for the Presidency; Eisenhower's "advisory group" (incl. membership, advice given, Eisenhower's view of the American political scene, the decision to enter Eisenhower's name in the New Hampshire primary, consequences of [Henry] Cabot Lodge's press conference).

PART V: The NATO period (incl. Kevin McCann's role, McCann's book on Eisenhower's political philosophy, the nature of Eisenhower's friendships, the influence of Harold Boeschstein and Gen. [Wilton B.] Jerry Persons); the New Hampshire primary (incl. the roles played by Frank Sulloway and Sherman Adams, the [Robert] Taft strategy, running the campaign for Eisenhower, an anecdote involving Roberts and [Charles] Charlie White, financing the candidates, an anecdote involving Eisenhower's activities on the day of the primary, Mamie's feelings about a political campaign, Eisenhower's telegram to Sherman Adams); the effects of the New Hampshire primary and Eisenhower's decision to run.

PART VI: Eisenhower's reasons for resigning his commission; the opening campaign speech in Abilene (incl. problems involved, reactions to the speech); value of using Columbia University as a base; creation of support groups for Eisenhower (incl. Citizens for Eisenhower, Herbert Brownell's professional staff, individuals such as Sinclair Weeks and R.E. McConnell); comments about the uncommitted personalities (incl. [Arthur] Summerfield, Gov. [Earl] Warren, [Harold] Stassen); fund raising for Eisenhower; stories from the Chicago convention (incl. an anecdote concerning the Virginia delegation, an anecdote involving [Thomas] Dewey and the New York delegation, choosing a Vice-Presidential candidate, Eisenhower's activities during the convention, an anecdote involving Eisenhower and his friends during the final balloting, an anecdote concerning Eisenhower's visit to [Robert] Taft's headquarters following the vote); Taft's feelings about losing the nomination; Taft's later relationship with Eisenhower; an anecdote involving Eisenhower and George Humphrey; comments about the efficacy of the Fair Play Amendment.

PART VII: Roberts' version of the Kay Summersby story; Eisenhower's view of the proposed Zionist state; the American Jewish vote; comments concerning the Eisenhower--W. Alton "Pete" Jones friendship (incl. an anecdote about Eisenhower and Augusta, Jones' political activities, the price of Presidential friendship, anecdotes regarding Jones' generosity to the Eisenhowers, the nature of their friendship, the Sherman Adams' affair); Eisenhower's feelings about Sen. [William E.] Jenner, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, and [Adlai] Stevenson; [Richard] Nixon's political problems; Mamie Eisenhower's role in the campaign; comments about Eisenhower's friendship with George Allen; Cabinet appointments; an anecdote regarding Election Night; discussion concerning Eisenhower's trip to Augusta following the election; comments about various Cabinet appointees and other political personalities; Eisenhower's Augusta "policy."

PART VIII: Security measures at Augusta; Eisenhower's reaction to pressure; the ramifications of Presidential friendships; financial matters (incl. the disclosure policy regarding the financial worth of political candidates and appointees, Eisenhower's personal financial arrangements with Roberts, establishing a trust to manage the President's affairs).

PART IX: General observations about Inauguration Day; comments about personnel (incl. [Paul Thomas] Pete Carroll, [Wilton B.] Jerry Persons, and [Andrew J.] Andy Goodpaster); bridge week-ends at the White House; Eisenhower's ability to relax; comments about Ann Whitman; reorganization of the Citizens for Eisenhower (incl. acquiring J. L. "Jim" Murphy as national chairman, an anecdote concerning Bohemian Grove, effectiveness of the Citizens group, comments about [R.W.] Bob Windfohr); a Camp David week-end (incl. activities, Eisenhower's opinion of Sen. Joseph McCarthy and the press); Roberts' role in the administration; an anecdote

concerning [Thomas Edgar] Stephens; anecdotes concerning a Denver vacation; Thanksgiving at Augusta, 1953 (incl., description of the Eisenhower Cabin, securing press cooperation in reporting Augusta news); comments about the "Atoms for Peace" speech; establishment of the Eisenhower Fellowship Exchange; correction of material discussed under "Thanksgiving at Augusta"; the White House stag dinners (incl. purpose of the dinners, the invitees).

PART X: Concerns about the President's health; an anecdote involving a quail hunt at Augusta; conducting Presidential business at Augusta; an anecdote concerning Mamie and Sen. [Walter] George; comments about several golf and bridge games; improving the quality of Republican political candidates (incl. [Thomas Edwin] Tom Stephens and the Black Hawk Corp., Eisenhower's attitude toward politics and politicians); the labor movement (incl. Eisenhower's feelings concerning the AF of L--CIO merger, Eisenhower's relationship with labor leaders); comments about George Humphrey's influence on Eisenhower; Eisenhower's concerns about a second term (incl. a suitable successor, continuation of his anti-Communist program, retention of Cabinet members); effects of Eisenhower's popularity (incl. crowd behavior at a Broadway play, appearances at Augusta); comments regarding Eisenhower's decision to run in 1956; Eisenhower's interest in retaining Robert Anderson; Eisenhower's painting; the Gettysburg house; recruitment for the Republican Party (incl. the [Leonard] Hall--[Charles] Charlie Willis plan, the opposition's letter of advice to Hall); the Lewis Marks fund-raising scheme; Labor Day week-end activities, 1955 (incl. the Augusta National group, press reaction, discussing the reactivation of the Citizens group); putting the reactivation plan into motion; a second Denver golfing party; Eisenhower's heart attack (incl. early information, questions about treatment, Gen [Howard] Snyder's role, Washington's "business as usual" attitude, Eisenhower's attitude toward health and duty, rationale for needing a civilian doctor on the case, working with Dr. Paul Dudley White, effects on the Stock Market); concerns regarding Eisenhower's political future; Roberts' visit with Eisenhower; Roberts' discussion of finances with Mamie; Roberts' conversation with Gen. Snyder; planning for the next Presidential campaign (incl. Herbert Brownell's conversation with Eisenhower regarding a second term, party activities); aftermath of Eisenhower's heart attack (incl. comments about his post-attack treatment, Mamie's role in making decisions, Eisenhower's thoughts about the next campaign).

PART XI: Reactivating the Citizens organization; pros and cons of Eisenhower's running again (incl. general comments about his health, opinions of the family and others, campaign concerns and a running mate, comments about Richard Nixon); Roberts' heart attack; Eisenhower's ileitis problems; the San Francisco convention (incl. the Augusta group, comments about Richard Nixon, a golfing party at Cypress Point); an evening at the White House (incl. general comments about Eisenhower's health and Dr. Howard Snyder); the Citizens organization (incl. structure within the group, policies and financing, Roberts' role, the Bandwagon operation, the Eisenhowers and campaigning); Mamie's Augusta sun porch; campaign concerns (incl. TV advertising, fund raising, Eisenhower's speeches); the election (incl. basis for Eisenhower's win, the need for renovating the Republican Party, Eisenhower's failure as a political leader, the need to replace Leonard Hall, Eisenhower medallions); the Board of Governors' meeting at Augusta; general comments about Eisenhower's finances; the Eisenhowers' friendship with the George Allens; an anecdote concerning Jock Whitney and Winthrop Aldrich; concerns regarding the future of the Citizens organization; an anecdote concerning George Humphrey's resignation; criticism of Herbert Brownell and Justice Department activities; George Humphrey's comments

on the budget problem; the April, 1957, stay at Augusta; Eisenhower's concerns about budget criticisms; problems involved in selecting political appointees; golf and bridge at Augusta; comments involving Ahmed Abboud, [Gamal Abdel] Nasser, and Egyptian affairs; concerns regarding [John Foster] Dulles.

PART XII: The July, 1957, visit to the White House (incl. the purpose of stag dinners, interview with Virgil Pinkley, an anecdote involving Eisenhower and war correspondents, golfing at Burning Tree, guests' behavior at stag dinners); an anecdote concerning the Eisenhower Cracker Barrel; problems securing a chairman for the Citizens group; the Newport vacation (incl. Eisenhower's attitude toward military integration and civil rights, general observations about Mamie, golfing at Newport, Eisenhower's attitude toward civil rights and handling the Little Rock situation); general comments about David Eisenhower; comments about political appointments and patronage; Eisenhower and Augusta (incl. the Southern attitude toward Eisenhower after Little Rock, Roberts' advice to Eisenhower, Eisenhower's awareness of bias in regional newspaper reporting, the subject of racial mixing); comments about Lloyd McMahon; [William P.] Bill Rogers' comments regarding school integration; Augusta, Nov., 1957 (incl. the Eisenhowers' cool reception, Eisenhower's state of mind, installation of the Eisenhower Cracker Barrel, Augusta policy on members with government ties); an Eisenhower--Roberts' discussion (incl. assessment of the individual Cabinet members, CIA activities, missiles and politics); ramifications of Eisenhower's stroke (incl. questions of resignation, Eisenhower's role in a Nixon Presidency, the projected trip to Paris for the NATO conference).

PART XIII: Eisenhower's friendships with [Ellis Dwinell] "Slats" Slater and [Sigurd Stanton] "Sig" Larmon; general comments about after-effects of Eisenhower's 1957 stroke; financial affairs (incl. Eisenhower's concerns for providing security for his grandchildren, expenses during the White House years, tax-deductible gifts, Eisenhower's frugality); comments about Barbara Eisenhower; remarks about [Robert] Bob Anderson (incl. his role as Secretary of Treasury, Roberts' proposal for a flexible gold plan); comments about [Alfred M.] Al Gruenther's public service career; discussions about the President's health (incl. health problems of the Eisenhower brothers, Eisenhower's life style and work habits, Eisenhower's usefulness to the Republican Party, a Gettysburg week-end, 1958); Republican problems with publicity; concerns about Cabinet officers as potential liabilities (incl. a Roberts--[Herbert, Jr.] Herb Brownell conversation, results of Brownell's interview with Ezra [Taft] Benson); an Augusta week-end (incl. comments about Eisenhower's physical condition, the launching of America's first satellite); activities of the Citizens Committee in 1958 (incl. the new national chairman Lloyd McMahon, comments about former chairman Reid Kilpatrick's tenure, pessimistic outlook regarding the future of the Republican Party, comments about Meade Alcorn's ineffectiveness); an anecdote concerning Harold Stassen; dissension between American business leaders and the administration.

PART XIV: Difficulties of financing Eisenhower's television speeches; the Citizens' involvement in the Nelson Rockefeller--[Kenneth B.] Keating races in New York; Roberts' role in the operation of Citizens for Eisenhower--Nixon; Eisenhower as a politician (incl. attitude toward political activities, weaknesses in Republican Party leadership); Camp David (incl. celebrating Eisenhower's birthday, camp amenities); an Augusta vacation; an Eisenhower--Roberts talk on revitalizing the GOP; Eisenhower's lack of involvement in political

appointments; the SEC investigation of Reynolds and Company (incl. background of investigation, Roberts' personal stake in the case, reasons for conducting a public hearing, outcome of investigation, comments about Roberts' involvement in Eisenhower's financial affairs); an Augusta vacation, 1959; Eisenhower's relationship with [Robert] Taft and [John Foster] Dulles; general comments (incl. golf tournaments, the White House dinner for Winston Churchill, Eisenhower's recovered speech ability, Lloyd McMahon's confirmation as a federal judge, a week-end at Gettysburg, concerns about Nixon's nomination); remarks concerning Abilene and the ground-breaking ceremony for the Eisenhower Library; Augusta trips, 1959 (incl. activities of the October visit, announcement of Eisenhower's world tour, activities of the November visit); comments about Ann Whitman (incl. an anecdote concerning her treatment in India, Roberts' marks of appreciation for her sterling qualities); Roberts' South American Coca-Cola interests; concerns regarding Eisenhower's South American trip

PART XV: Interview covers political developments, 1960. Eisenhower's reception in Chicago; choosing a Vice-Presidential candidate; the blunders that cost Nixon the election (incl. failure to utilize Eisenhower in the campaign, Nixon's desire to make all decisions himself, the public debates on TV); problems involving the Republican platform; general observations concerning Nixon's leadership; Eisenhower's frustrations with the campaign; Eisenhower's relationship with Nixon; Eisenhower's last months as President (incl. his reaction to the U-2 incident, concerns about the balance-of-payments problem, the Cuban problem, assessment of President Kennedy's character); Eisenhower's views on using military strength (from President Truman through President Johnson); Roberts' attitude toward this oral history; Mamie's life following Eisenhower's death (incl. visits to Augusta, her health, her relationship with the Moaneys, the Gettysburg home, her relationship with the Nixons); comments about Julie and David Eisenhower and John Eisenhower; financing the Eisenhower Medical Center and Eisenhower College (incl. problems involving the Eisenhower Memorial Bill, George Meany's relationship with Eisenhower, anecdotes concerning Senators [John] Sparkman and John Tower).

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