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Staff Secretary to the President, 1954-61.

DESCRIPTION: Association with Dwight D. Eisenhower beginning when DDE was Chief-of-Staff circa 1945-1946; working as a NATO staff officer when DDE was in command; working with DDE in 1947 as a part of a long-range planning group; Solarium study group; events leading up to his appointment as Staff Secretary; DDE and Solarium; duties as Staff Secretary; relationship with the Cabinet Secretary; contact with the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; spending time at the Gettysburg farm following DDE's heart attack; setting up the Secret Service office in the milk house of the barn; Ike and Mamie's wedding anniversary party at the farm; DDE's heart attack; DDE's office at Gettysburg during his recuperation; how DDE and the staff worked during this time; standard work day; significant events DDE handled at the farm; number of items signed by DDE during a normal week; significance of the farm to DDE's recovery; tour of the Gettysburg area; frequency of staff and cabinet members visits to the farm during the recovery period; later use of the farm for weekend retreats; the U-2 incident; DDE's decisions about the incident made while at Gettysburg; other important decisions made while at the farm; significant international visitors to the farm; resignation of Sherman Adams; John Eisenhower's work as Goodpaster's assistant; writing up notes of meetings with the President; influence on Presidential decisions; DDE's opinion of Nikita Khrushchev; Charles DeGaulle; Field Marshal [Bernard] Montgomery; contacts with DDE after he left the White House; taking Henry Kissinger to meet DDE; DDE and Lyndon Johnson; DDE and John F. Kennedy; Goodpaster's relationship with DDE; Mamie Eisenhower.

[Eisenhower National Historic Site, interview by Carol Hegeman, November 7, 1983]