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Military associate of General Eisenhower, 1945-59; active in the Eisenhower campaign and Cabinet selection, 1951-53.

DESCRIPTION: Impressions of Eisenhower as a military leader; public impressions of Eisenhower; support for an Eisenhower Presidential bid in 1951; Clay's role as intermediary between Eisenhower and professional politicians; Eisenhower's decision to resign his commission and run for President; influence of Jacqueline Cochran and the "We Want Ike" rally in Madison Square Garden; choice of John Foster Dulles for Secretary of State; Earl Warren's preference for a Supreme Court position over a Cabinet post; Clay's confidence in Herb Brownell; Eisenhower's trip to Korea; Admiral Arthur Radford's concern over affairs in the Pacific; American responsibilities to Europe and NATO; Eisenhower's approach to the McCarthy situation; Eisenhower's capabilities as politician and statesman; Eisenhower's decision to run again in 1956; the Highway Commission; summary of Clay's thoughts on the Eisenhower Administration; growth of the Defense establishment.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by Herbert Parmet, April 8, 1969]