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MACARTHUR, DOUGLAS II

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Officer, U.S. Embassy: France, 1940-1942; SHAEF staff, 1944; Officer, American Embassy, Brussels, 1948-49; chief, West European division, U.S. Dept. of State, 1949-50; political advisor to Gen. Eisenhower, SHAPE, 1951-1952; counselor, U.S. Dept. of State, Washington, 1953-57; Ambassador to Japan, 1957-1961.

DESCRIPTION: Education; first meeting with Major Dwight D. Eisenhower; working for State Department in Europe during Hitler's rise to power; official travel in Europe during the late 1930s; courier mission to Soviet Union in 1949; German advance on Paris; accompanying the French government to Vichy; contact with resistance groups; capture and internment by Germany, 1942-1944; return to Paris as member of Eisenhower's staff as political liaison; comments on General Eisenhower's grasp of the political situation in Europe; Division of Western European Affairs; trip to Europe with Eisenhower in January 1950; assignment as Eisenhower's political advisor; advantage of Eisenhower's first-hand knowledge of international affairs when he became President; morning briefings at NATO; State Department trips to NATO countries and the Middle East in 1953; assignment as counselor in State Department instead of appointment as Ambassador to Vietnam; differences between General Matthew Ridgway and Eisenhower; situation in Dien Bien Phu; Eisenhower's firm decision not to send ground troops to Vietnam; impressions of John Foster Dulles; members of Dulles' staff; Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO); Anthony Eden and the SEATO treaty; the Marshall Plan and European integration including Germany; Southeast Asia and ANZUS (Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty); planning for NATO conferences; summit meetings; Eisenhower's performance at summit meetings; development of a close working relationship between Eisenhower and Dulles; Christian Herter; traveling with Dulles; arrival in Japan in 1957; incident in which a soldier shot and killed a Japanese civilian; MacArthur's childhood trip to Japan; 1951 treaty with Japan; Prime Minister Kishi's request to amend the treaty; Article IX of the Japanese constitution; appearance on Japanese television for the 30th anniversary of the treaty; writing the treaty modifications; comparing the importance of Europe and Asia in Eisenhower's foreign policy; balance of trade with Japan; Japanese view of Eisenhower; Eisenhower's cancelled trip to Japan; political upheaval in Japan over the ratification of the treaty; visit of the Crown Prince to U.S.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Martin Mack Teasley, August 6, 1990]