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Executive Assistant to Vice-President Nixon, 1957-61.

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[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Thomas Soapes, March 4, 1977]