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Assistant White House Staff Secretary, 1953-60.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background: education, Army service. Circumstances leading to his job in Chief of Staff George C. Marshall's office, 1944. Duties in that job. Others in the office: Frank McCarthy, Brad Davenport, Merrill Pasco, Thomas Handy, James Stack. Impressions of George C. Marshall. Transition from Marshall to Eisenhower. Work under Paul T. Carroll.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #2. Work toward Ph.D. at Cornell University, 1946-48. Teaching job at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, 1948-52; reasons for leaving. How, through Paul T. Carroll, Minnich went to work on Eisenhower's 1952 campaign. Pre- and post-convention campaigning. Impressions of Gabriel Hauge. Nixon fund. Election night, 1952. Choosing White House staff members from the campaign staff. Forrest Pogue's suggestion that DDE have someone with historical training in the White House to see that records were kept.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #3. How Minnich became Assistant Staff Secretary under Pete Carroll. Keeping minutes of Cabinet and Legislative Leaders' meetings; other paperwork. Minnich's work on Public Papers of the President. Editing President's press conference transcripts.

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