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Eisenhower family friend; nurse-companion to Mrs. Ida Eisenhower

DESCRIPTION: PART I: Early life; professional career; early acquaintance with the Eisenhower family; miscellaneous comments about Mrs. Ida Eisenhower (incl. Mrs. Eisenhower's 1945 fall, caring for Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Eisenhower's attitude toward her sons and their career choices, several anecdotes about Mrs. Eisenhower); anecdotes concerning Gen. Eisenhower's 1945 visit to Abilene (incl. Eisenhower playing drums, reunion of the Eisenhower family in Kansas City); the 1944 Christmas family reunion; anecdotes involving Mrs. Eisenhower's interests, the Eisenhower boys wiping dishes, and the Eisenhower neighbors; miscellaneous comments about Mrs. Eisenhower's interests (incl. visits with her sons, sewing, cooking, flowers, religion).

PART II: Comments about the kitchen area of the Eisenhower home; Mrs. Eisenhower's reaction to being named Kansas Mother of the Year; life with Mrs. Eisenhower (incl. nursing care after her fall, favorite radio programs, cause of her fall, activities enjoyed, eating habits, the Eisenhower boys' favorite breakfast, interest in plants); details of Mrs. Eisenhower's home care situation (incl. comments about some of the women who stayed with her, observations about her mental acuity, an anecdote regarding her checkbook); further comments about the Eisenhower parents' love of plants; details of Mrs. Eisenhower's bedroom; comments about Naomi Engle (incl. proselytizing for Jehovah's Witnesses, relationship with Mrs. Eisenhower); disposal of Mrs. Eisenhower's mail; comments about Mrs. Eisenhower, dandelions, and cats.

PART III: Interior decoration of the Eisenhower home; furniture locations; general comments about miscellaneous possessions.

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