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National Affairs editor of Newsweek, 1952; manager of Newsweek's Washington bureau, 1955-61.

DESCRIPTION: Background information; DDE in Algiers; press relations during the war; 1948 interview with Eisenhower at Pentagon; 1952 nomination for Presidency; relationship with George Allen; Allen's relationship with Eisenhower; offer to be public relations man for 1952 campaign; anecdote re Crawford's writings on the Administration; interview with Eisenhower re the 1964 Republican convention and Goldwater's nomination; Eisenhower's opinion of foreign and domestic policies during the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations; opinion on James Hagerty as Press Secretary; opinion on Eisenhower's press conferences; anecdote re Kennedy and the press; Hagerty and "direct quotation" of the President; Sherman Adams; press relations with the Roosevelt Administration; press relations with Eisenhower's Cabinet; Nixon as Eisenhower's second-term choice for Vice-President; fairness of press coverage of Eisenhower; opinion of the Administration and the 1950's; Eisenhower's caution in Vietnam; Little Rock; accomplishments and shortcoming of Administration; McCarthyism.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by John Luter, June 13, 1967]