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Oral History Interview

with

DR. HAROLD STONE
MRS. ALBERTA M. STONE

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La Habra, California

By Dr. C. Richard Arena

For the Richard Nixon Oral History Project

ARENA: This is interview #1 with Dr. Harold Stone and Mrs. Harold Stone. Stone is spelled the way it sounds. Mrs. Stone's maiden name is Alberta Marie Carden. We are in the residence of the Stones in La Habra Heights near Whittier, California. Today's date is July 11, 1972, Arena interviewing. Dr. Stone, may I begin by asking you where and when you were born?

H. STONE: I was born in San Dimas, California, in 1909 on November 4.

ARENA: Thank you. And where is that located?

H. STONE: Well, it's a little bit east of Covina [California] a few miles or it's west of Laverne.

ARENA: Not too far away from Whittier. About how many miles away from Whittier?

H. STONE: I would say roughly fifteen miles.

ARENA: Thank you. And would you mind giving a brief resume of your formal educational background and your career since your school days?

H. STONE: Since my school days? Well, I've been a dentist here in La Habra since 1934. I've practiced here, and I moved once into a new building in 1938, and about the time I moved there was when Dick was first talking about coming into practice. I got him to come out here and set up a law office. We were talking about him having one of the rooms in the back of my office.

ARENA: And by Dick you mean Richard Nixon.

H. STONE: Yes, sir.

ARENA: How about your education?

H. STONE: Well, of course, I don't know whether you want to go into this or not. I went to dental school . . .

ARENA: I was wondering if you went to the same high school with the President. Did you go to Whittier High also?

H. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: That's what I was interested in.

H. STONE: I went three years to Whittier High School, my sophomore, junior and senior years. While I was a senior, taking trigonometry and advanced algebra, I met Dick for the first time.

ARENA: And by high school we do mean Whittier High School. There was only one high school in Whittier at that time, if I'm not mistaken.

H. STONE: That's all. In fact, the kids came from Pico Rivera and clear out here to the county line and from Lowell Joint School. The could go to either Fullerton or to Whittier, and that's why Dick went to Fullerton [High School] one year and then went to Whittier High School later on. I don't know when he came there.

ARENA: I think it was 1938, and then the last two years, '38--excuse me, 1928-'29 and '29-'30 were the last two years.

H. STONE: I think that's right because that's the first that I knew of him there.

ARENA: I was wondering if you went on to Whittier College also?

H. STONE: No. I went to Glendale Junior College from Whittier High School for a year, and then four years to dental school, and I had to make up some courses in the summertime so I could skip a year. I went to summer school at USC [University of Southern California] before I entered dental school, and then I could get into dental school and still come out with a B.S. degree along with a D.D.S. degree.

ARENA: I see. I just want to get this brief sketch as a background before we go into your direct contact with President Nixon. May I do the same with you, Mrs. Stone?

Would you mind stating where and when you were born, and your brief educational background and your career to date, which is housewife, or maybe you also had a professional career?

A. STONE: I was born in Whittier on November 30, 1915, in an old hospital that I think maybe had some connection with the Nixon family, on North Painter [Avenue] up there.

ARENA: This wouldn't be the Murphy Hospital by any chance?

A. STONE: No. No, it was one . . .

H. STONE: It was Burkett's home, wasn't it?

A. STONE: I believe so. I went to Whittier grammar schools all the way through.

ARENA: Do you recall the names of those grammar schools?

A. STONE: I went from the first through the fourth grade to a school on Pickering [Avenue].

ARENA: It wouldn't be the Bailey School.

A. STONE: No. I did go to the Bailey School. In fact, I was in the Bailey School when they moved from the old, old one into the new one which, of course, was torn down a long time ago now too; then to the John Muir School and on into Whittier High School.

ARENA: John Muir was a junior high school?

A. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: Just to be sure, I know you mentioned the name Griffith Milhous off the tape, and I do know he taught at that junior high school for a while, the John Muir. Did you run into him by any chance at the John Muir Junior High teaching music there?

A. STONE: Milhous--that's the one that taught me. Yes, he's the one that started me on the flute. I'd forgotten Mr. Milhous. Yes, I knew him very well.

ARENA: He would be the half-brother of the President's mother, Hannah Milhous [Nixon].

A. STONE: Yes, that's true. I had a pretty good music background before that, and then I started the flute when I was there, and ended up doing quite a lot of solo work eventually at Whittier College and on.

- ARENA: You did go on from Whittier High to Whittier College.
- A. STONE: I went to Whittier College my first two years.
- ARENA: What was your year of graduation from Whittier High?
- A. STONE: I graduated in 1933 from high school and went the next two years to Whittier College. I graduated from Stanford [University] in 1937. And then as far as a professional career, I have none. I did work in advertising at Robinson's [Department Store-Los Angeles, California] prior to marrying Dr. Stone, and then I did some free-lance advertising after that. I worked on the Whittier News when I was in high school and college in the summertime. I have done free-lance writing and advertising along with my husband's professional career since then.
- ARENA: May I ask if your parents, either--both, were born in California, and maybe even Whittier itself?
- A. STONE: No. My parents, both of them, as very young children, came from Iowa. My mother came to Whittier in 1890 and my father came about that same time to Pico Rivera area. It was called Rivera [California] then. My grandfather was the first realtor in Whittier and the second mayor of Whittier.
- ARENA: Would you give his name, please?
- A. STONE: His name was Charles Clayton. My mother and father both graduated from Whittier High School.
- ARENA: Would you happen to know if your parents and your recollections were in contact with any of the President's parents or grandparents? I'm thinking, of course, of Franklin Milhous and his wife, Almira [Burdg Milhous] who were the President's grandparents.
- A. STONE: I don't know of that. I know my mother was a very good friend of Hannah Nixon, and of the Milhouses in Whittier.
- ARENA: In what respects? I was wondering if it was through the college, through the same church, or . . .
- A. STONE: Well, Mother was in the college auxiliary, always. She didn't go to college. She went to the old Whittier Academy. I think maybe two years was all.
- ARENA: Do you recall the last year she attended of those two years?
- A. STONE: I wouldn't know the date.

- ARENA: I have an idea. 1906 comes to mind for Hannah Nixon. I have a picture of her attending one of the classes, gym class, as a matter of fact.
- A. STONE: At the Whittier Academy?
- ARENA: At the Whittier Academy, and for some reason 1906 comes to mind. I just thought maybe they may have been classmates around that same year.
- A. STONE: They were involved in the same type of thing, and Whittier was very small at that time.
- ARENA: What was your mother's maiden name?
- A. STONE: My mother's name was Maude Estella Clayton.
- ARENA: The names of all of the persons in this picture were listed. A copy of it was given by Mrs. Dr. Haigler, who was formerly Elsie Marshburn, a cousin of Oscar Marshburn, and grew up in the area.
- A. STONE: That's a name that I recall very well too.
- ARENA: Elsie Marshburn. She became a doctor and is now in Anaheim [California] and retired. Well, I just thought maybe I might. . . . Some of the other names that come to mind are Sharpless. I know that for sure as one of the names in the picture. Why, if, when I ask a question and I ask it of one of you and the other remembers something you want to add, don't hesitate to add it. For example, I would like to ask you, Dr. Stone, what is your earliest recollection of contact with the Nixons, and by the Nixons, let's include the Milhouses as well. I'm thinking of the President's grandmother, whom you may have known also, who outlived, I understand, Mr. Franklin Milhous by quite a few years. He died, I believe, around the time of World War I, but she lived to attend Richard Nixon's graduation from law school, at least until then, in 1937. So I'm just wondering when you had your earliest contact with any of the Nixon-Milhous family?
- H. STONE: The earliest I can remember was when I was a senior in high school and Dick was in our trigonometry and algebra class. Miss I. Heise taught math at Whittier High School. At the end of the class at the end of the year she gave us a whole series of problems and told us when we got through with the problems we didn't have to come to class anymore if we got the right answers. So, there was a group of kids that used to come to my house and study all the time. We were working on this together and we finished all of our problems. Dick brought his in one day all completed and he was the first one through. This was the first real contact. He

always sat back and was quiet in the class, but when he finished first we all realized and remembered who it was. I forget what she did for him, but something, and gave him a nice few words for what he had done.

ARENA: Did you ever have any opportunity to see him in action? As you know, he did speak. He entered oratorical contests and belonged, I believe, to the high school debating club. Did you ever see him in action in any of those?

H. STONE: Yes, I heard him debate on many occasions in high school, and every time he was in a debate he always won it, all through high school and college, I think.

ARENA: Just to be sure that we explore this to its completion, do you recall any particular debate? For example, the subject and possibly if it was a debate with another school, or within the high school itself and different students of Whittier High, and how is it that you were there? Was it something that was a required attendance or were these after-school hours and open to . . .

H. STONE: No. These debates were held at Whittier High School, and the other school or students came there this year, and that's the one that I heard that he won.

ARENA: How would you describe his appearance, his delivery, from the best of your recollection?

H. STONE: Well, not being a speech major myself, I would say he had a wonderful delivery, and he could speak off the record on almost anything on the Constitution at any time. I recall when we were in Kiwanis Club that he was always giving talks afterwards on "The Nine Old Men," the title of his talk that he gave the service clubs. From the time we were in the 20-30 Club--he had given that talk there--he was asked almost every week to give this two or three times a week somewhere.

ARENA: Do you recall any of the points he made in that particular talk?

H. STONE: No, at this stage I don't, but I know he described these fellows and their actions and what they did and told about the Supreme Court and how it functioned. I don't remember the details of the men that he was describing at the time.

ARENA: What else, while we're on that subject of the 20-30 Club, what else do you recall about your association and that of the President in it? I'm thinking, for

example, of possible social affairs that were held. Did you see him dance at these affairs? Do you recall if he dated someone or did he come stag? Anything like that that comes to mind. If he held any offices in the club and so forth, in the 20-30 Club. By the way, we're speaking of the 20-30 Club of Whittier at this point?

H. STONE: That's right. I don't remember. Some people have said to me that Dick and I double-dated a couple of times, but I don't remember this. I know that we did go to meetings together, just like at 20-30 Club. They used to have some nice parties at the [Robert] Bob Alexander's. And there was a Catholic father that gave a talk at 20-30 Club one night, and we went to Bob Alexander's afterwards.

ARENA: What would Bob Alexander's be? You said you went out to Bob Alexander's?

H. STONE: Bob Alexander was a fellow that grew up, I guess, in Santa Fe Springs [California]. They hit oil on the Alexander property and out around the point of the hill towards La Puente they had a big ranch with a beautiful big home, and a lot of big rooms where the whole 20-30 Club could go and play cards. We used to go out there and play penny ante poker. And Dick went along with us the night we took this Catholic father out there. He entered into all the games with us too. We had a big time out there that night. I remember that night coming home, the conversation of some of them, that we'd had a lot of fun and enjoyed the evening.

ARENA: Do you recall offhand if he won or lost and his comments about it either way? Was he grumbling about any losses or elated about any . . .

H. STONE: No, I don't think any of us would lose enough to worry about. I guess you could have lost. I've played with that group and lost ten, fifteen or twenty dollars at that time, but I don't think that either one of us . . .

A. STONE: That would have been a lot of money then.

H. STONE: It was a lot of money in those days.

A. STONE: For all of us.

H. STONE: But the kids loved to do that and this was one of our pastimes. They'd have beer and just a real nice, good time, and then these fellows paid for it, or Bob Alexander put it on half the time, you know.

ARENA: Do you recall if he had any office while he was in the 20-30 Club and you were a member at the same time?

H. STONE: No, I don't.

ARENA: By the way, would this have been when [Melville] Mel Rich was also a member? I believe . . .

H. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: . . . he mentioned something about running for the office of president and Richard Nixon running. I just wondered if you happened to be a member at that time when this particular election took place. I think Rich and Nixon were opposing candidates for the office of president.

A. STONE: Who won, did he say?

ARENA: I believe it was Nixon. I was just wondering if you recall something like that.

H. STONE: The president of 20-30?

ARENA: I believe that was . . .

H. STONE: It could be, but I don't remember who the officers were.

ARENA: You wouldn't happen to have any old copies around of the little old newsletter that you put out which was called "The Green Leaf." I have one or two copies myself and it does list the members. I could have xeroxed a copy and let you see it. I do know they mention these different names I've mentioned, like [Douglas W.] Doug Ferguson and [Richard A.] Dick Thomson, but . . .

H. STONE: Doug Ferguson I don't remember in 20-30 Club, Dick Thomson I do.

A. STONE: Doug is my age. He would have been younger.

H. STONE: Later then we're talking about, I think, but he might have been in there. I don't know how many members we had but I think fifty to a hundred members. This was one of the best groups around Whittier. The Rotary Club started that, and Dr. Horace Wilson used to come. He was one of the advisors. We used to have more fun than a picnic with him, you know. They were kidding him one night in there about operating on somebody. They had framed some deal about forgetting and leaving a sponge in; they were kidding about leaving a sponge in the guy, and it was on [Wallace] Wally Black, the attorney. And one guy got up and said, "Well, he even LOOKS like you left the sponge in him." [Laughter] I never will forget that. Dr. Wilson got a big kick out of it. He was a real good sport.

ARENA: Just to be sure, you do recall this Wally Black was a member at the same time then.

H. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: I have met Mr. Black. If I'm not mistaken, he teaches or has taught at Rio Hondo College, maybe business law or economics there.

H. STONE: I don't know where he is now. I haven't seen Wally for several years.

ARENA: I see him about every week, as a matter of fact, through the local Kiwanis Club of Whittier. I know he is a member there. He's quite up in years.

H. STONE: A whole group of fellows in Whittier. . . . [Everett] Shorty Long that works in the Cadillac agency was in there.

ARENA: Would you mind going back while we're on the question of service clubs, to something that we discussed off the tape, the President's membership in the Kiwanis Club of La Habra? All that you recollect about his being a member, his activities.

H. STONE: Well, I got him to set up a law office here in La Habra [California] and then I got him to join Kiwanis, and I remember one of the things that happened. I was the program chairman, and I arranged for Governor [Frank F.] Merriam to speak on a ladies' night. Then it developed I couldn't be there. I had a class in Los Angeles; I was taking some postgraduate training, so I had to go into Los Angeles [California] and I got Dick to introduce Governor Merriam. I was told that we could get a person like that, and so I called him up down at Long Beach [California] and he said sure, he'd be happy to come and give a talk. So Dick introduced him, took my place, and we were real close in a lot of things like this at that time.

ARENA: Do you recall any particular service project? As you know, Kiwanis [Service Club] is noted for that. They are committed to performing different services, but any particular project that comes to mind on which maybe you and the President were involved? For instance, right now the 605 Game is a football game to get proceeds for different service projects. That's one of the big projects of the Whittier club. I was just wondering if the La Habra club had some special project.

H. STONE: Well, I remember two or three things that Dick did. Dick incorporated the Kiwanis Club. I got him to do

this, and he incorporated the La Habra Valley Riding Club, just for the cost of it, which I think was maybe about fifteen dollars. At the time it cost very little to incorporate.

ARENA: Is that still in existence by any chance, that La Habra Riding Club?

H. STONE: The riding club was held down where the new shopping center is now. We used to have quite a place down there to go riding and have horse shows there. Then the people from Fullerton came to the meeting en masse one night and voted to transfer it to Fullerton, so all of our stuff went to Fullerton. There's a little sidelight on that, but we didn't have any more riding club after that.

ARENA: Do you recall anything about his becoming an officer in the Kiwanis Club of La Habra?

H. STONE: I don't think he was in Kiwanis long enough. See, this had to be around 1940. I could get out my record at the office, because I had started to do some dentistry for Dick. I put in a few fillings for him; then I made a bridge for the front of his mouth. He asked me to do it the way I would do it for myself, so I put it in in gold, with a porcelain facing. The little three-quarter crowns showed when he smiled, so when he decided to get into politics he had that changed to a porcelain bridge.

ARENA: If you don't mind my asking, and if it isn't breaking a professional confidence, how was he as a dental patient?

H. STONE: Oh, Dick was a good patient, just like most of the patients. I don't remember anything unusual. As I recall him, just like the other patients. Like his brother, Eddie [Edward Calvert Nixon]. I did some work for Eddie one time, and he was a fine, young kid and was easy to work for.

ARENA: While we're on this subject of dental work, you did say something about the possibility that he was going to open up his law office in one of your extra rooms in your new building?

H. STONE: Yes. I had three operating rooms, or four operating rooms actually in the office, and we weren't using one of them. I said he could come in there. After we got to talking about it, and we had a little kid crying one day, (you know how little kids will cry whether they're hurt or not sometimes) I told Dick that it might be better if he went over and set up a law office in [William] Bill Robert's place, because these kids once in a while might upset a client of his.

ARENA: What would the Robert's place be?

H. STONE: Well, that's where he finally set up his first law office here in La Habra.

ARENA: Do you happen to recall the specific address, or what the address would be now?

A. STONE: Haven't you talked to Bill Roberts?

ARENA: No. I believe Dr. [I. N.] Kraushaar either had an office there or near him.

H. STONE: No. My office and Kraushaar's office were built at the same time.

A. STONE: Next door to each other.

H. STONE: Next door to each other. We're right across, now, from where the police department is.

ARENA: Would you know offhand the full name of Roberts, and if he would be in the telephone book under Dr. Roberts?

H. STONE: No, this is not DR. Roberts.

A. STONE: He was a realtor.

H. STONE: He was a realtor here, his father was. And of course at this time, [William] Bill Espolt was in there, from the Espolt family in Whittier.

ARENA: Same as Orville Espolt, same family?

H. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: I see. Would Bill still be alive?

H. STONE: No, Bill's dead. Orville's the only one that's alive now, as far as I know. Mrs. Franz who was Orville's sister has passed away. They owned this property right down below us here and over to the right. She died soon after her husband passed away.

A. STONE: To get back to Bill Roberts. . . .

H. STONE: Bill Roberts' office is on La Habra Boulevard in La Habra, which was Central Avenue at that time. It's just around the corner. Well, going out the back door, it's just out my back door and into the back of their building.

ARENA: Is that your present situation? Is your office still there and that office still in existence or that building?

H. STONE: The office is still there and they're talking now about buying that building and making it Nixon's first office, you see.

A. STONE: There's a plaque out in front. You haven't seen that?

ARENA: I read about the dedication. Would you mind describing that office? Have you ever been inside it yourself?

H. STONE: The law office?

ARENA: Especially at the time when he operated the office there?

H. STONE: I've been in and out of there many times, and I recall one morning I went over there. We used to go out in the morning and have a cup of coffee together, and then talk over different things that had happened. So, we were going into, I guess it was Caplinger's Pharmacy at the time. He's still a pharmacist here in La Habra, but he used to be on the corner, on the southwest corner of Central Avenue, and it used to be Hiatt-- it's now called Euclid Avenue. Anyway, I'd been sucking some thantiss tablets that Dr. Kraushaar had given me. And Dick said to me, he says, "Hey, Doc, before we go into the drug store, get the lipstick off your lips." [Laughter] We laughed about this, because my lips were a little red from sucking these things. It makes your teeth red too. That's one of the things that I always laughed about. He was going to protect you, you know, if something was wrong.

ARENA: Would you say that business was brisk in this new law office, which if I'm not mistaken, was an extension of the main office of the Bewley, Knoop and Nixon office of Whittier?

H. STONE: Well, I don't think that that was right, an "extension." I don't know what their arrangement was, but he was going to set this up on his own and have an office here. I even took him up to the city offices and tried to get him a job as the city attorney. You couldn't even get to talk to the city council over this, because they had Harold McCabe, you see, and had him in La Habra for years, and he was tied up with all of the goings-on around La Habra.

ARENA: Do you mean that HE was interested in the possibility of becoming the city attorney of La Habra at that time?

H. STONE: That's right, because he was the assistant city attorney in Whittier, and at the time he would do the things for [Thomas W.] Tom Bewley for the City of Whittier. The same thing applied to Dick, that he was attorney for the country club.

ARENA: While we've touched slightly on that, politics in a way, was there any indication that he would be interested in a political career, which eventually, of course, he was? But I was just wondering about this period before the military service, before 1942 when he left for Washington, where he worked and then went into the service. Was there indication in your discussions with him that he would some day enter actively a political career?

H. STONE: I don't think there EVER was. Do you remember Alberta? I don't think so. In all our conversations . . .

A. STONE: I don't know that part.

H. STONE: He might have had this in the back of his mind, but he was interested in it because they needed a good attorney in La Habra. I suppose if he had been busy he would have never left, you see. Just like myself. I came out to La Habra and thought I'd start out there and move back into Whittier, but I've had more than I can do right here, so I just stayed right here all the time.

ARENA: Was there not much of a demand for legal services then, or were there too many lawyers? Why do you think he did not make out too well?

H. STONE: Well, I didn't say that he didn't make out well, and this I don't know, how well he did do. If he had been just swamped, more than likely he wouldn't have wanted to go or change or do anything else. I never did discuss this with him, him moving. Dick kept a lot of things to himself and you didn't know. Like if you said something to him. . . . I remember one time we were discussing some vital thing, and he said to me, "How do you feel about this?" We asked him and then he asked me how I felt about it, to get the way I felt about it first. He might have had a pretty good idea of going into politics. He was going to check it out the way you felt first, you see, instead of expressing himself.

ARENA: On this general subject of his being a conversationalist, you knew him in class in high school, you knew him in the service clubs, you had coffee breaks with him and all. As an overall assessment, how would you describe him as a conversationalist, as someone to talk with, say, when you were alone with him, as compared, maybe, with a group? Was he different with a group than he was singly? There are some people who seem to be shy when they are with just a few and then they seem to blossom in

a crowd. Not that he was that way, but any aspect of Richard Nixon with people, as a conversationalist; anything that you have to contribute would be very helpful, just your own recollection.

H. STONE: Well, what I remember of Dick was that any time he got on his feet to talk, he always had something to say and put it very well. He was able to do this with words. I would say he was a highly verbalized individual, just like today he can get up and give a wonderful talk. I've heard him on many occasions get up and seem to have what everybody's talking about well in hand. He can give an excellent talk on this, or a few words, at least. He's been able to do this in politics. I heard him in a VISA [Visiting International Students Association] program over in San Fernando Valley.

ARENA: A what program?

H. STONE: This was a VISA program. Of all of the districts in Rotary, the Rotary Clubs had a program of foreign students on the college level called VISA or Visiting International Students Association, and it was started here in Southern California. They would have, once in a while, a general California meeting, and this particular one was over in San Fernando Valley. It wasn't politics. Politics wasn't mentioned in this, and this is a thing that he does very well. He'd tell some of the experiences that he might have had with some of the foreign students. You remember the talk that he gave over there?

A. STONE: Not in particular.

ARENA: Are you saying then that no matter what the group was, you've seen him speak to different groups, he was always able to communicate well?

H. STONE: I would say very, very well, and this was proven in his ability, the number of times that he was asked to give talks. And I remember that he told me he had to go to San Clemente [California] to give a talk to the Kiwanis Club in San Clemente. When he came home he said, next time I saw him, "You know, I'm going to have to quit giving these talks. I take my car, I drive to San Clemente and it probably costs me two or three dollars to go down there and come back. They tell you, 'Thank you. It's a wonderful talk.' And you come home and here you're footing the bill as the speaker for all these service clubs and it isn't right." This is what he told me one time.

ARENA: Do you recall Richard Nixon, the mature debater? You recalled seeing him in high school. I'm not thinking of politics per se, but say any of the Jerry Voorhis-Richard Nixon debates? I'm thinking again not of politics, but of his style; did he seem the same type of debater or has he changed?

Has he become more mature, or was there no change, if that comes to mind?

H. STONE: I went over to San Gabriel [California] to hear him debate with Jerry Voorhis, and I thought he did very, very well. I also thought Jerry Voorhis was an excellent speaker too. Coming home, I was with a bunch of Republicans and they didn't like my comments very much because I was giving credit to Jerry Voorhis too. I was with Alberta's father and a bunch of 'em. Tom Bewley was in the car.

A. STONE: Daddy never let anybody say anything against Dick. Well, you weren't against him, I'm sure.

H. STONE: Well, Dick was my friend and always has been my good friend, I mean. I would consider him so, even if he wasn't the President, you see. You would evaluate the thing and give the other fellow credit too. Maybe these fellows knew more about Jerry Voorhis and what he stood for than I did. Like I used to say, well, Roosevelt was either an awful fine President or he was lying to the public, one of the two. It took you a little while to find out he was lying to the public in every speech he made, you see. But I would say that Dick swayed an awful lot of people in his talks.

ARENA: Is there anything. . . . Oh, yes, I was thinking about one area, Richard Nixon the lawyer. I believe that in some cases you went to him for legal services. Without getting personal, I'm just wondering how you would describe him from your personal experience with him as a lawyer.

H. STONE: Well, of course, I haven't been in court. Really, the only time we ever used a lawyer to settle some things was a family affair. I showed Dick the problem and he just took it and settled the whole thing.

ARENA: Was this while his office was still in La Habra or later?

H. STONE: No, this was when he had set up his office in La Habra. Well, just as he was getting ready to set up his office, I picked him up and took him into town. I guess we went into town that day.

A. STONE: We settled it in the court house corridor, as I recall.

ARENA: Was there anything special in the way of his. . . . As lawyers just do, of course, find business, would you say he was aggressive in any special way, or was he acting like the normal lawyer, after business? Or was he, maybe, too shy? I was just wondering how you would describe him as a lawyer who is going after business?

H. STONE: Well, I wouldn't think that anybody would say he was real aggressive, because you knew he was a lawyer. If there was a problem and you asked him about it, he'd tell you about it and give you the proper answer. Well, when he told you what the law was, this was the law, and I would say that he KNEW the law.

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ARENA: And we were just discussing, I believe, your recollections of the President as a young lawyer, and was there anything else on that subject that you wanted to bring up, Dr. Stone?

H. STONE: I thought of something and I forgot what it was. I'm trying to figure out what it was.

ARENA: If it does come up, no matter what we're discussing, don't hesitate to bring it in, because it would be worth keeping.

H. STONE: One thing leads to something else.

ARENA: Oh, yes.

H. STONE: This was a long time ago, you know.

ARENA: Sure. I do recall we were discussing something off tape, and you brought it up again, I'd like to be sure to get that. The President's uncle, his father's brother, Dr. Ernest (and Professor) Nixon of Penn State [Pennsylvania State University], as you know or may not know is now deceased. His widow, Mrs. Ernest Nixon, is still living, and I was just wondering if you ever had the opportunity to meet Dr. Ernest Nixon and what you recall of him?

H. STONE: Well, one time Laura Scudder invited us to her house. They were good friends of ours.

ARENA: And she is the Scudder of the potato chips company. Thank you.

H. STONE: They used to shop at Nixon's market, so Mr. Nixon had told Laura that his brother was coming and introduced his brother to Laura Scudder. She had invited Dick's mother and father and Dick's uncle up to their house for dinner. We were invited. Sitting around the table that night we were

discussing different things, and one of them was the potato industry where Dr. Nixon had eliminated the middle man out of the potato business in the State of Pennsylvania. He told us the story. Do you want to go into the story?

ARENA: I'd appreciate it very much.

H. STONE: Well, he told us that he was the chain stores' representative in potatoes, and they had gotten together and eliminated the middleman out of the potato industry there. On the farm they were bagging up potatoes in five, ten and twenty pound bags and delivering them direct to the stores. He said that he saw his potatoes, which cost him \$50,000 loss to grow one year, while everybody who handled those potatoes until they got to the store was driving a new Cadillac. He decided that this was the fallacy in the potato industry, that the middleman was making all the profit. So he got together with the chain store and eliminated the middlemen. The middlemen came to work for their organization afterwards. He said he had been called everything from soup to nuts on this deal for doing this. He was here visiting with his brother on his way to Idaho to teach the Idaho potato people how to eliminate the middleman out of their industry up there.

ARENA: Do you recall about when this took place? What year, and maybe even the month, as much as possible?

H. STONE: No. I know that it was when we were living down in the other house, so it had to be before 1948. Dr. Nixon made the statement that he tried to get Dick to come back and manage his farms, and he said that Dick could be independently wealthy, that he wouldn't have to worry about money, and every winter he could go down to their Florida home, he said. But he said that after talking to Dick that Dick had told him that he wanted to get into politics and he wasn't interested in looking out after his farms for him.

ARENA: Was he actually in politics at the time? See, between '46 and '48 he was actively interested. I was just wondering, you said before '48. How about before the war? Do you think it could have been that early?

H. STONE: No. It was after the war, because Dick was, I think in Washington at the time, but he had started into politics at this time.

ARENA: What is your own recollection of Dr. Ernest Nixon, his personality and the way in which he expressed himself?

H. STONE: Well, he was a top-notch man and handled himself real well, spoke very well, being on a faculty at a university in a position where he was the head of the Agronomy

Department at the university. He'd have to be a well-trained speaker and able to handle himself, and in the teaching business, he'd have to be able to do that or he wouldn't have got where he was. He also was the agriculture advisor to the United States Senate. He told us this, and some of the things that he had done for them. He told us this story in talking about organically-grown foods. He told us that what we were talking about here, that he didn't know anything like this was going on in California. There was quite a movement at this time (not with the farmer but with lots of doctors and lay people) to get good organically-grown food. We were being trained in this field through Michael Walsh and the American Academy of Applied Nutrition.

ARENA: This Walsh, would you repeat that name?

H. STONE: Yes. Michael J. Walsh. He was a biochemist.

ARENA: And where would he be located from the standpoint of a school?

H. STONE: Well, Michael Walsh has done all kinds of things in nutrition. Even today, what we were being taught then, one of the top men at UCLA [University of California at Los Angeles] Dental School made the statement to me a year or so ago that what we learned from Michael Walsh is just as true today, and more sound today than it was in the days when it was taught to us.

In other words, all the information on smog and pest control we were taught thirty-five years ago, and we've been talking about it in dentistry thirty-five years ago. This is not new to us in the American Academy of Applied Nutrition, the members of that, or the International College of Applied Nutrition either. We happen to be the editor of the International College of Applied Nutrition's Journal now, and Alberta does all that work on that. She's the executive secretary. We've kind of inherited this job because of being in the organization for a long while. Somebody has to do the job, and we had gotten so much benefit out of it for ourselves, we've kind of taken it on. A lot of doctors would like to have the job, but the officers don't want them to do it, so it's been our position.

But getting back to Dr. Nixon, he told us that he had put one pound of boron--that's soap, now, borax--on his fields to the acre, one pound to the acre, and increased his yield forty bushel to the acre of potatoes. And borax that you buy for soap is boron.

ARENA: Were you aware that for a while the Nixons did move to Pennsylvania, near York, as a matter of fact, where the President's father, Frank [Francis Anthony Nixon] operated a farm? The President, while in Congress, would visit the farm from time to time, but it did not last more than a few years. I was just wondering if you were aware of that?

H. STONE: No. In fact I was in York, Pennsylvania, not too long ago.

A. STONE: Was that after they had had the market here, you mean?

ARENA: I believe the period was something like '47 or '48 through '53.

A. STONE: Don [Francis Donald Nixon] took over the market then.

ARENA: Yes.

H. STONE: He had been back visiting with his brother before this meeting with Laura Scudder. Either that or he was just going to go back and stay. And then he came back here. Something happened back there, the winter was too cold or something.

ARENA: Including an accident that Mr. Frank Nixon suffered. He hurt himself in a tractor accident, and a combination of things, the winter, probably. But I was just wondering if you were aware of that, but you did not see him in that setting by any chance?

H. STONE: No. I knew that Don had taken over the store here, and a lot of things happened with the store. I knew that he had gone back there at sometime to stay with his brother. I remember this conversation, but I don't know what happened.

ARENA: Excuse me. You mentioned knowing Edward [Calvert Nixon] the youngest brother. He actually graduated from the schools in that area, and I was just wondering if you had any contact with Edward other than the professional contact, as you did with Richard?

H. STONE: No. Eddie was a young kid going, I think, to high school at the time. I'm not positive of this.

ARENA: If it helps, he was born in 1930, and that made him quite a bit younger than the President, who was born in 1913.

H. STONE: Eddie was--I don't know if he was thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, somewhere in that age at the time, and he was just beginning to grow. He wasn't a big, tall lanky kid at the time, but he got to be pretty tall and thin, by some of his pictures at least.

ARENA: How would you compare him, as you knew him, with the President, from the standpoint of personality, from

the standpoint of attitude? I'm thinking of, did he seem to be different in any way, or similar? Did you see the same characteristics?

H. STONE: Well, I never saw Eddie in any way other than to speak to him somewhere. I never saw him giving a talk. When he was in the dental chair with his mouth open I was doing the talking, so I couldn't tell you that for sure. But I know that when he'd come in the office he was a nice young kid and we all liked him. I couldn't say that he was different than Dick.

ARENA: Could I ask you, from the standpoint of your contact with the Nixon side of the family, knowing the Milhous side, knowing Hannah Milhous Nixon--this is a general question, but it would be interesting to know your own feelings and reactions to it--what part of the President is Nixon and what part is Milhous, if you could see two clear straining there, knowing Frank Nixon as you do, and knowing even his brother? Maybe there's such a thing as a Nixon side, if there is such a thing, and a Milhous side. Could you say that there were certain traits that seemed to come from the Milhous side and there were certain traits that came from Nixon, or is that just too general to pin down?

H. STONE: Well, Alberta [Carden Stone] might be able to answer that better than I can.

A. STONE: I wouldn't know.

H. STONE: She used to go in and shop there and we bought all of our groceries there at their store, and after we were married, well. . . . I wouldn't be able to make any good comments on that because I know, like [William Alan] Bill Milhous down here. I did some dentistry for Bill when he was a young kid.

ARENA: This would be Bill Milhous of the Sea Fare Inn.

H. STONE: Yes. I remember one time he was trying to tell me where he lived on Whittier Boulevard, that they had the two palm trees in front of the house. Well, down Whittier Boulevard farther were two palm trees and I had this all mixed up. I was just interested in about where he lived on Whittier Boulevard. And then I did some dentistry, I think, for Bill's father and several of the Milhouses. I don't know which ones. And for me to try to compare Don with Dick, well, they're just two different people. Don was always working in the store, and I guess Dick did too sometimes. Mrs. Greenfield, who lived here in La Habra made a comment about Dick delivering things to her one time. There was some mistake, and Dick was real unhappy about the error. He was trying to get it right for her and went out of his way to correct it. Dick was this type of fellow.

ARENA: This delivery would have been when he was, maybe, in college?

H. STONE: In college.

ARENA: That early period. Do you recall this business of his helping out in the store, being in charge of the fruit and vegetable stand, and were you aware that he was in charge, for example? Did that ever come up in any way?

H. STONE: No. See, when he was in charge of that I lived in Whittier. We passed by there but we didn't shop there. And I didn't know Dick well from the standpoint of being in and out of the store. I had probably stopped there a time or two and knew there was a store there, but I didn't know who it belonged to. And, of course, I've seen this store ever since it was first started because we'd come out Whittier Boulevard from 1916 on, you know, and we've been around this part of the country. Then off and on, when I was in college, Dick might have been home working in the summertime, delivering things, too, you see.

ARENA: Do you recall, possibly, ever attending any of the plays in which he acted, and how would you describe him in that part of his life?

H. STONE: I've seen some of the plays, and he took part in one of the 20-30 Club plays that was put on, but I don't remember how he did. He would have done well, because anything like that he took on he did real well. I don't remember it. Do you remember that play that the 20-30 Club put on up in the Women's Club house? All the fellows dressed up and took the ladies' parts. They had a chorus and it was pretty good. At least all the people got a big laugh out of it.

ARENA: And he did participate?

H. STONE: I'm sure he was in that.

ARENA: How about his piano ability, from the standpoint of helping out with the 20-30 Club or any of the clubs? As you know, every Kiwanis has to have a pianist to accompany the song leader. Did he do that for the Kiwanis Club by any chance?

H. STONE: I was trying to remember that, whether he did or not.

ARENA: Did you ever hear him play under ANY circumstances? Not only at Kiwanis but under any circumstances?

H. STONE: Yes. He say down at the piano and played, I'm sure out to Bob Alexander's. Didn't he play the piano for us once at our home? I don't remember how he played.

A. STONE: He may have; I'm not sure.

ARENA: Is there anything I have not touched on in the way of a question or an area that comes to mind, including that incident you forgot about? Has that come back yet?

H. STONE: No.

ARENA: You'll remember it as soon as my car goes down your driveway.

H. STONE: Dick used to come out to the house quite often with me. Was this after Kiwanis Club? I think actually what we'd do, we'd go out to the house and have a drink afterwards and sit down and talk. Dick liked to have a drink once in a while, and so we'd have some bourbon and water or Seven-up or something.

ARENA: This was still in the single years, before he married in 1940.

H. STONE: Probably. After he was married, they came out a couple of times to the house for some parties.

ARENA: I wonder if I could ask you this as a general overall question. From what you read in the newspapers and magazines and books of his private life and pre-political life, and from what you do know from firsthand experiences, what would you say are the areas of the greatest mistakes, or areas where they have touched on the so-called "real Nixon" as you knew him? Do you think that there is an overall erroneous view of the man that comes out in print? Or is that another one of these too-general questions?

H. STONE: What would you say, Alberta? You've read more of that than I have.

A. STONE: I wasn't trying to evaluate it, of course, at the time. I couldn't make any comment on that.

H. STONE: To see some of the things that the writers. . . . They may have a lot of information that we don't have. My relationship with Dick has always been a very pleasant one. While he was here, apparently we enjoyed talking to each other and had a lot of the same ideas. He was hunting for a place to start a law office at the time when I was getting started in dentistry, although I'd been practicing four years when he came along. I build that office in '38, so that's when he first came out here.

ARENA: He first started practicing law in Whittier in '37, so it was the next year, I guess, when he came out. At

that, it must have been the summer because it was, I think, the summer of '37 when he got his law degree.

A. STONE: I think it was in '39. I'm sure it was in '39 you built that, because we were married in '38 and you were up in the old office then.

H. STONE: Okay, we were married in '38, but that office was under way when we got married, and when we were talking about getting married, we changed some of the plans around, if I remember right. [William H.] Bill Harrison, by the way, built that office.

ARENA: That's interesting.

H. STONE: We were going to put in an apartment up over the office, remember?

A. STONE: I remember that, but I'm pretty sure it was the next year.

H. STONE: I was going to have a place for me to live up there. Then we started talking about getting married. The whole office only cost me about, oh, land and all, \$6700 at that time.

ARENA: Times have changed.

H. STONE: Definitely.

ARENA: Mrs. Stone, may I ask you if you recall the very first occasion that you met the President, Richard Nixon?

A. STONE: Well, I knew him vaguely in school. He was ahead of me in school.

ARENA: I believe you said in college there was a four-year difference? He was a senior when you were a freshman?

A. STONE: I think he must have been. Do you remember when he graduated?

ARENA: College, '34, high school, '30.

A. STONE: Well, he would have been a senior at Whittier when I was a freshman then. I can recall hearing him in debates that my father and mother took us to listen to.

ARENA: Would these have been held in the high school too?

A. STONE: This I couldn't say for sure. I remember going to some other town at one point to hear him. Of course, he was the son of a friend of the family's and they were interested in activities. I think that my father thought that it would be a good experience for me to learn some debating, which never took at all with me. I remember going to listen to him, and I was very much impressed with him, I as a youngster to listen to this boy who could talk so well.

ARENA: How was the friendship again? Was it between your father and the President's father, or on the Milhous side?

A. STONE: On the Milhous side, I believe, although of course they knew Mr. Nixon too, but they knew more of the Milhouses there in Whittier. He was just an outstanding person as I recall in school.

ARENA: Do you recall anything about the election that he lost in high school when he ran for president and was defeated by Robert Logue? It was one of the few offices that he ran for in high school and college that he did lose.

A. STONE: Was that in high school or college?

ARENA: That was high school. You don't recall the incident or the campaign or anything?

A. STONE: He must have been, also then, a senior in high school when I was a freshman, but I don't remember him too much in high school.

ARENA: How about the college years?

A. STONE: Well, of course, as I told you, the college was very small at that time and I'm sure everybody knew everybody else. I was a Metaphonian and I think he was a Franklin wasn't he?

ARENA: Would you mind spelling Metaphonian? This would be a girls' . . .

A. STONE: Do they not have that society at Whittier College any longer?

ARENA: That doesn't ring a bell, but I know I could check it out in one of the annuals. And also, to be sure we're set on this, it was a kind of competitor of the Franklins that he launched. He was one of the launchers of the Orthogonian Society.

A. STONE: Orthogonian, yes.

ARENA: Which was noted for not being too formal. I think the Franklins were those who wore ties and suits generally, or sweaters, whereas the Orthogonians liked to go around with open shirts.

A. STONE: Yes, I think I recall that. Well, there were Metaphonians and Athenians and a couple of other girls' societies.

ARENA: Do you recall anything about the idea of his campaigning? Now this was probably before you entered, but the effects might have taken place when you were a freshman. I think the campaign was in his junior year of college, the idea of running for office on the platform of bringing dancing on the campus, which was frowned upon by the fathers at that time. Do you recall anything about that? Maybe, even though you were in high school, some of that had gotten into the newspapers or into your family circle.

A. STONE: I don't remember HIS part in it, but they were trying to broaden the social life of the campus. At the time I was there I was a non-resident student. You see, I lived at home and went to school there. There were several dormitories on campus, both boys' dormitories and girls'. There were many that lived in the town and went to Whittier College. Of course, this was following the depression and they needed to stimulate as much interest as they could. They were trying to get the people to stay on campus as much as possible in order to build its spirit and make it more interesting, I guess. And among other things was this dancing. Being a Quaker college, they were very strict in various ways.

H. STONE: Several people in Whittier, like the people that lived next door to us when we lived up on North Milton Avenue. One day the lady next door, and they had something to do with the college, and Dr. [Orvan E.] Greene has something to do. . . . He would be the only dentist in Whittier years ago, Dr. Greene. But anyway, she was asking me one time about what I thought about dancing at the college. My comment would be, "Well, why not? If they don't have it at the college, the kids are going to go somewhere else and dance anyway." Like I told her, what you saw if you went out somewhere, well, here's a lot of the staunch people of Whittier that's out somewhere. Once in a while, there'd be a group of us go somewhere like that and you'd see the people out at a night-club, so why not have it at the college where you could control it?

ARENA: As you know, Whittier was not only kind of not sold on dancing on the campus, but in the town itself. I understand there was no picture show for many years. Maybe the first one was the Wardman [Theatre], I don't know.

A. STONE: No, the Roxy [Theatre] was the first one.

H. STONE: You're right. The Roxy was the first one.

ARENA: That was an actual movie, yes.

A. STONE: It burned.

ARENA: Yes. I happened to see that, as a matter of fact; quite an historic event, the burning down of the Roxy Theatre. I believe some of your functions were held there, maybe some meetings were held there, because it was a large place.

A. STONE: About the only good-sized auditorium in Whittier in fact.

ARENA: Well, the thing I'm wondering about is, what about those people who did not mind taking a drink or who liked to dance or gamble a little bit and so forth? Did you find that Whittier was a difficult place in those years, or was this something that other communities had and, therefore, it was just something that came with the times? Or was Whittier stricter than the other communities around here?

H. STONE: I don't think so, because Pomona even had the Blue Law, where you couldn't do anything on Sunday. See, it was probably a worse town as far as moving on Sunday goes. All you could do was go to church.

ARENA: Was Pomona a Quaker town . . .

H. STONE: No.

ARENA: . . . as was Whittier?

H. STONE: No. Whittier had lots of churches in it in the twenties when we were there too, but the big church in Whittier was the Quaker church.

A. STONE: We used to have our chapel services there, and we'd walk from the college down to the Quaker church, you know, to have chapel, daily.

ARENA: I understand, and that was true of other colleges too, that chapel was required. I don't know how many times a week.

A. STONE: Yes, it was.

ARENA: It was required at that time. Possibly, did you ever hear the President--I won't say deliver a sermon but--speak at the chapel?

A. STONE: Yes, I think he did a number of times.

ARENA: Do you recall how he impressed you as compared, say, to being in a debate? Did he seem to have the same style?

A. STONE: Well, as I recall, I didn't think of it as being a debating speech type thing.

ARENA: It was a different type of delivery when he spoke at chapel.

A. STONE: It was more of an informal style as I recall.

ARENA: Do you recall some of the subjects? I realize this is very difficult.

A. STONE: I can't remember anything last WEEK. [Laughter]

ARENA: Was it a question of not only the school being small but the town being small and everyone just about knew everyone else?

A. STONE: Oh, yes. When I went up to Stanford [University], there were 15,000 people in Whittier, and at that point that was pretty good-sized. It had grown, it seems like, rather recently at that point.

ARENA: Did you feel though that with a big city like Los Angeles nearby, and it was one of the most glamorous cities in the world at that time--Hollywood--that you were not out in the sticks, so to speak? Did you feel that you were part of a large cosmopolitan area, even though you were in a small town?

A. STONE: Oh, I didn't. I liked the small town effect, even as a youngster. When we'd go to Los Angeles, it would be more like an event. I didn't feel part of it at all.

ARENA: Did you go yourself to visit Hollywood?

A. STONE: Oh, yes.

H. STONE: You could take a red car right out of Whittier, just half a block down from the Bank of America, go into Los Angeles, take the red car [Pacific Electric Railway] out to Hollywood, almost direct. What was it--twenty-two minutes or something like that, on the red car to Los Angeles. This was the real inter-urban service. This was the big crime of Southern California, when that went out. We had the red car come out through here, you see, to La Habra, and then it went on into Yorba Linda.

ARENA: Was that the Pacific Electric line?

H. STONE: Yes.

ARENA: I recall that during the war years, between Riverside and Los Angeles, big, red cars. Very slow, because of the war years, possibly, and it would take a long time to get from Riverside [California] to Los Angeles [California].

A. STONE: That was a long ways in those days.

ARENA: But I recall that.

H. STONE: To Riverside they would go through Pomona [California] and that car moved sixty miles an hour in those days, and it didn't take long to come from San Dimas [California] to Los Angeles, unless you were on a slow one. And they had what they called "limited" and then the ones that stopped everywhere.

ARENA: Were you aware that the President's father had been a motorman, and I believe on that system? This, of course, was before he was married. I was just wondering if maybe you heard through your parents that he had been a motorman as you recall?

H. STONE: I think I had heard something about this. He was that type, just a real likable fellow, easy-going.

ARENA: Would you say he was easy-going as a parent with the boys? Of course, this would be difficult for you, but maybe if you saw him with the children when they were still young.

H. STONE: I never saw this.

ARENA: In a position where he would exercise discipline.

H. STONE: I would think that he would have made those kids mind.

A. STONE: They were a very strict, religious family, I believe, and they were brought up accordingly.

ARENA: Would you want to make any comment on the difference in personality of Mrs. Hannah Nixon, who evidently had started college, whereas Frank Nixon, as the President himself has said, had not gone beyond the sixth grade, but was always interested in education?

A. STONE: What kind of comment do you mean?

- ARENA: Well, in the sense that this made for any friction that you might have observed, or made for any frustrations on the part of either one because of that difference.
- A. STONE: There was certainly no obvious intent that way that I ever saw.
- ARENA: There wasn't anything YOU saw as a result of that difference.
- A. STONE: The only comment I would make was that in the store I think Mrs. Nixon acted more like she was the overall boss, where he was out cooking the pies in the back. I think she was a real good, hard worker.
- ARENA: About what period was this, when you got that impression?
- A. STONE: That's shortly after we were married and I used to do a great deal of our shopping in their store.
- ARENA: '38, '39. Also around the time he was practicing law in La Habra. In view of your interest in writing, Mrs. Stone, had you possibly met the very famous relative of the President, who is famed for her writing, Miss Jessamyn West?
- A. STONE: Yes, I have met her but I don't know that she'd recall me.
- ARENA: Were you aware that she was a relative of the President?
- A. STONE: Oh, yes.
- ARENA: All along, in other words, before she became quite famous?
- A. STONE: It was a large family and there were a lot of parts to it. Everybody knew everybody's relatives. I was always sort of envious of anybody that had a large family like that, because I came from a rather small one, so that sort of thing I had noticed--cousins and brothers and sisters and what-not. I only had one sister and that was it.
- ARENA: Were you about to say something, Dr. Stone?
- H. STONE: See, we've been, a lot of times, just out of the picture. Like, for example, one of the things happened here the night that Dick's father died. We were going to have Dr. [I. N.] Kraushaar and his friend, and he had asked us to help him entertain his friend, Ian Ewen, from New Zealand.

A. STONE: This is digressing.

H. STONE: No, but I'm just making the point that lots of times we were close to the family but just out of the deal. So we were supposed to have Dr. Kraushaar and his friend here at 7 o'clock. Dr. Kraushaar couldn't come because of Dick's father's illness, so he called to ask if we would pick Ian up and bring him up here for dinner and then he'd come along when he could. So Dr. Kraushaar got here at 11:30, after being with Mr. Nixon. So Alberta fixed him dinner at 11:30.

A. STONE: Well, he had to attend him. He passed away that night.

ARENA: On that occasion. I see. Well, I want to thank you very much for answering all of my questions so frankly and fully and for giving me the benefit of this interview, which my fellow historians will also be grateful for in the years ahead. Thank you very much.

A. STONE: You're very welcome.