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Dwight D. Eisenhower

Telephone conversation

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Telephone conversation between General D D Eisenhower and F C Pogue, afternoon June 4, 1964.

Gen Eisenhower called to say that he was giving us quitclaim title to his speech at Lexington on May 23d and we could have all proceeds coming from it. He suggested that Atlantic Monthly pass on to us the \$500 they had suggested as an honorarium to him.

He said that he was pleasantly surprised to find the fine reception to his Speech which he feared was far too simple. He said that several had said they felt they were behind the scenes with his speech.

I said that they were also glad to see him lay the ghost of the attack that he had failed to stand up for General Marshall.

He said you know the story on that don't you. It was the damned McCarthy gang and some of the newspaper people who played that up. I had made a strong statement in his defense at Denver a short time before. Then I put it in my speech for Wisconsin. When the Governor saw it, he said it was dragging it in by the tail and would be regarded as something dragged in. So I said well I will take it out, since I have already make clear my feelings about General Marshall.

I said that Mrs. Marshall had said she wanted it made clear the General had no hard feeling. I said I thought I had a tape recording of his statement at Denver (apparently it was in 1953 instead).

We talked of his D Day programs. He said had seen the preview of them and thought they would go pretty well.

He slurs his sentences a good bit now.