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Mr. Frank Pace, Jr. at 455 Park Ave. office (Gen Dynamics), NYC, Apr 1, 1959 by F C Pogue.

(Pace is still youngish, although beginning to get a little heavy. Tends to have a little Southern speechifying in his talk--just a little ponderous. Has charm).

Most of what he said is on tape. However he said a few things off the record. This next statement not off the record, but was said when machine not recording. He said he thought that Marshall approached the Jeffersonian type of mind.

Paraphrased a statement of Jefferson that he knew of no place to put the ultimate power of society than in hands of people themselves. For people's mistakes the remedy was not removing power but education of the people.

I said to Gen Marshall once would you say that I was naive if I said our people had learned their lesson from World War II about preparedness. He replied I would not say you were naive, but incredibly naive. (This led to Jeffersonian remark above).

Mr. Pace said that one of the great things about Mr. Truman was that he played no politics on the selection of Eisenhower for NATO command. Eisenhower was not forced on Europeans, but they saw there was no one else. Truman did not consider whether this would build Eisenhower into successful candidate. He was the man for the job and he selected him.

Repeats that he is "so fond" of Gen Marshall. He did a great deal for me. Would like to talk more about him.