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Summary Information

Repository: Oral History Archives at Columbia

Creator: Columbia University. East Asian Institute

Creator: Wilbur, C. Martin (Clarence Martin), 1908-1997

Creator: Ho, Franklin Lien, 1897-1975

Creator: Cai, Zengji

Creator: Chen, Guangfu, 1881-1976

Creator: Chen, Lifu, 1900-2001

Creator: Hu, Shi, 1891-1962

Creator: Koo, V. K. Wellington, 1888-1985

Creator: Kung, H. H. (Hsiang-hsi), 1880-1967

Creator: Li, Hanhun, 1895-1987

Creator: Li, Huang, 1895-1991

Creator: Li, Shuhua, 1890-1979

Creator: Li, Zongren, 1891-1969

Creator: Shen, Yiyun, 1894-1971

Creator: Tsiang, Tingfu F. (Tingfu Fuller), 1895-1965

Creator: Wang, Zhengting, 1882-1961

Creator: Wu, Kuo-Cheng, 1903-1984

Creator: Zhang, Fakui, 1896-1980

Creator: Zuo, Shunsheng, 1893-1969

Creator: How, Julie Lien-ying, -1982

Creator: Seidman, Crystal Lorch

Creator: Seymour, James

Creator: Wang, Minta Chou

Creator: Chin, Lillian Chu

Title: Chinese oral history project

ID: 4074387

ID:	NXCP87-A647
Date [inclusive]:	1958-1975
Physical Description:	17,584 pages
Physical Description:	59 Reels 1.5 Linear Feet [1 record carton and 1 manuscript box]
Language of the Material:	Chinese , English .

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Biographical / Historical

Prof. C. Martin Wilbur 韋慕廷 (1907-1997) of the East Asian Institute, Columbia University, and Prof. Franklin L. Ho 何廉 (1905-1975) officially started the Chinese oral history project in 1958 to interview and document the life of prominent Chinese political leaders of Republican China (1911-1949) living abroad. The project was financed by Columbia University, the Ford Foundation, and later by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In designing the project, Professor Wilbur and Professor Ho decided to use an intensive approach instead of the extensive approach as in the American oral history project. They envisioned the project to concentrate on a few outstanding interviewees and to produce more accurate and detailed autobiographies. A total of nineteen prominent Chinese political figures residing in the U.S. and Hong Kong were interviewed. The Chinese oral history project staff consisted of a team of scholarly interviewers with outstanding knowledge of modern Chinese history: Julie Lien-ying How (pinyin: Xia, Lianying; simplified Chinese: 夏连荫; traditional Chinese: 夏連蔭), Te-kong Tong (pinyin: Tang, Degang; simplified Chinese: 唐德刚; traditional Chinese: 唐德剛), Minta Chou Wang (王明德), Alice Kwong Bolocan, Kai-fu Tsao, Lillian Chu Chin, James Seymour, and Crystal Lorch Seidman. The scholar interviewers worked as collaborators, translators, and co-authors with the interviewees closely in the process of drafting, editing (and/or translating) the interview transcription, which later becomes their memoir. The project produced a total of sixteen finalized oral history interviews that were deposited at RBML for future scholarly research, many of which were later published. The project officially ended in the 1980s.

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Scope and Contents

Interviews document the lives of seventeen prominent figures in the Republic of China (1911-1949). Narrators discuss military affairs, politics, national and regional governance, education, economics, culture, transportation, and other topics. Military campaigns are a major topic of the collection. Narrators discuss the operations and impacts of the Northern Expedition (1928-2928), Second Sino-Japanese War/War of Resistance (1937-1945), and Chinese Civil War (1945-1949). Narrators discuss the practical matters of governing during a period of upheaval. They also discuss the politics of the era and entities such as the Kuomintang and Chinese Communist Party. Many narrators studied abroad in the United States and Europe. The collection gives insights into Chinese education and the experiences of Chinese nationals abroad, including observations from their travels. Several narrators worked as diplomats for the Republican government and offer insights into international affairs and world leaders of the mid-20th century.

Oral history interviews were heavily edited by interviewees and project staff, as was a common convention during this period. As a result, transcripts and audio may differ considerably. For many interviews, only short segments were retained. Audio was recorded on open reel magnetic tapes (including Grundig tape reels), and all surviving audio for the collection has been digitized.

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Scope and Contents

The collection's narrators are Cai Zengji (Choy, Jun-ke; 蔡增基), Chen Guangfu (Chen, Kwang Pu; Chen, K.P.; 陳光甫), Chen Lifu (陳立夫), Ho Lien (Franklin L. Ho; He, Lian; 何廉), Hu Shih (胡適), V. K. Wellington Koo (顧維鈞), H. H. Kung (Kung, Hsiang-hsi; Kong, Xiangxi; 孔祥熙), Hanhun Li (李漢魂), Li Huang (李璜), Li Shuhua (李書華), Li Zongren (Li Tsung-jen, 李宗仁), Shen Yiyun (Shen I-yun, 沈亦云), Tsiang Tingfu Fuller (Jiang, Tingfu; 蔣廷黻), C. T. Wang (Wang, Chengting Thomas; Wang, Zhengting; 王正廷), K. C. Wu (Wu, Kuo-Cheng; 吳國楨), Zhang Fakui (Chang, Fa-k'uei; 張發奎), and Zuo, Shunsheng (Tso, Shun-sheng; 左舜生).

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Access: Open

Custodial History

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Processing Information

Many processing interventions have occurred since the Chinese Oral History Project began in 1958. Collection guides were published in 1972, 1979, and 1984. Interviews and collection received MARC catalog records sometime during the RLIN era, incorporating description from earlier guides (interview-level descriptions in the 2024 finding aid came from the MARC records and some even originated in the 1972 guide).

In 2018, Yingwen Huang processed a set of administrative materials for the Chinese Oral History project and personal papers of interviewees that were collected during the project.

Administrative materials had previously been cataloged as "Autobiographies and related papers," and often were treated as part of the Chinese Oral History Project. As part of Huang's processing, this was made a formal collection and described in a [finding aid](#) as Chinese oral history project collection (中國口述歷史項目檔案). Interviewees' personal papers were separated and described as their own collection during processing due to the collections' provenance and also for better access and discovery. Interviewees with personal paper collections: Chen Guangfu, Chen Lifu, Wellington Koo, Kung H.H., Li Hanhun and Mme. Wu Chufang, Li Huang, Li Shuhua, Li Zongren, Liu J. Heng, Huang Fu, Hu Shih, Tsiang Tingfu Fuller, and Zhang Fakui.

Additional cataloging and MARC cleanup was done in 2019-2020 by Alexander Whelan and David A. Olson to support online publication of materials following digitization of microfiche transcripts (2016) and audio (2019).

In 2020, staff of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library created timestamped indexes for several interviews as part of a pandemic-era project. Interviews receiving indexes were Cai, Zengji; Ho, Franklin L.; Hu, Shih; Koo, V. K. Wellington; and Tsiang, Tingfu Fuller.

In 2024, David A. Olson created a finding aid for better discovery and aggregation of information. Finding aid includes new collection-level description and existing description from Yingwen Huang and earlier guides. Audio reels had been included in Chinese oral history project collection (administrative papers) since 2018 and these were formally returned to the Chinese Oral History Project. Some additional MARC cleanup was also done at this time.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The Chinese oral history project's administrative records, internal and external correspondence, subject files, reports, transcript drafts, and additional materials can be found in the [Chinese oral history project collection \(中國口述歷史項目檔案\)](#)

Related Materials

Related oral history projects 相關口述史料:

[Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica oral history project 中央研究院近代史研究所口述史料, 1950-1965](#)

[China missionaries project 中國傳教士口述史料, 1969-1972](#)

Related Materials

The following are personal paper collections of the interviewees 以下列表含所收集的個人歷史檔案:

Related Materials

[Kwang Pu Chen papers, 陳光甫檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Chen, Lifu papers, 陳立夫檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Hu, Shih diaries, 胡適日記](#)

Related Materials

[Huang, Fu papers, 黃郛檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Wellington Koo papers, 顧維鈞檔案](#)

Related Materials

[H.H. Kung papers, 孔祥熙檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Hanhun Li and Chu Fang Wu papers, 李漢魂與李吳菊芳檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Li, Huang papers, 李璜檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Li, Shuhua Papers, 李書華檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Li, Zongren papers, 李宗仁檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Collection on J. Heng Liu, 劉瑞恆彙集](#)

Related Materials

[Tingfu Tsiang papers, 蔣廷黻檔案](#)

Related Materials

[Zhang, Fakui papers, 張發奎檔案](#)

Related Materials

Transcripts were digitized from the [Oral History Research Office microfiche](#)

Related Materials

Personal papers of project founder: [C. Martin Wilbur papers](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- China -- Politics and government -- 20th century
- China -- Social life and customs
- China -- History -- 20th century
- China -- Foreign relations
- China -- History -- Northern Expedition, 1926-1928
- Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945
- China -- History -- Civil War, 1945-1949
- Taiwan -- History -- 1945-
- China -- History, Military -- 1912-1949
- China -- History -- Republic, 1912-1949
- Education -- China -- History -- 20th century

Collection Inventory

Interviews

Title/Description	Instances
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Cai, Zengji (Choy, Jun-ke), 蔡增基, 1970

Physical Description: 341 pages

Physical Description: 2 Reels

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Son of Chinese immigrants to Hawaii; return to China, 1911; Commissioner of finance, Canton, 1919-1920; Commissioner of land, Canton, 1926; general manager Canton-Hankow Railway, 1928; managing director Shanghai-Nanking Railway and Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, Shanghai, 1928-29; mayor of Hangchow, 1930; commissioner of finance, Shanghai, 1931; commissioner of land, Shanghai, 1933-1934; visits abroad; rehabilitating shipping; second Japanese invasion; refuge in Macao, hazardous journey to Shiukwan; trek to Chungking, return to America

Scope and Contents

Interview audio has been digitized. The digitized audio is accompanied by timestamped indexing for ease of navigation.

Chen, Guangfu (Chen, Kwang Pu; Chen, K.P.), 陳光甫, 1961

Physical Description: 167 pages

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Early days in China; student in United States, 1904-1909; Kiangsu provincial government and bank, 1910-1915; Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, 1915-1937; China Travel Service, interest in insurance business; National Revolution of 1925-1927; travel before the war; currency reform and 1936 Silver Mission; views on general situation to 1937; contributions to War of Resistance; War of Resistance, 1937-1945; postwar years, 1946-1949; transition and revival, 1949-1961. Audio does not represent full interview content. Most audio associated with interview was not retained. Content on reel was

retained as sample of source material for edited transcript

Scope and Contents

Interview audio has been digitized.

Chen, Lifu, 陳立夫, 1968

Physical Description: 1057 pages

Physical Description: 9 Reels

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Interview audio has been digitized.

Ho, Franklin L. (He, Lian), 何廉, 1966

Physical Description: 450 pages

Physical Description: 5 Reels

Digital Object: [Ho, Franklin L. \(He, Lian\), 何廉](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Boyhood and early education, 1895-1909; high school education in China, 1909-1919; university education in United States, 1919-1926; first decade at Nankai University, 1926-36; economic research and teaching at Nankai University; government service; insights into power in China, the Sian Incident and its aftermath; work with Nung-pen chu, 1938-1941, and events leading to its abolition; parties and cliques; rest, reflection and travel, 1941-1943; post-war economic reconstruction, 1944-1946; ministry of economic affairs; activities after leaving government, 1946-1948; return to Nankai, 1948

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized. The portions of the digitized audio are accompanied by timestamped indexing for ease of navigation.

Hu, Shih, 胡適, 1958

Physical Description: 286 pages

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Digital Object: [Reminiscences of Hu Shih : oral history, 1958.](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Family and early life; student days in the United States, 1910-17; working for a Chinese renaissance: theories of literary reform, analyses of early Chinese philosophy, discoveries in the history of Zen Buddhism, critical studies of major Chinese novels.

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized. The digitized audio is accompanied by timestamped indexing for ease of navigation.

Koo, V. K. Wellington, 顧維鈞, 1975

Physical Description: 10,436 pages

Physical Description: 23 Reels

Digital Object: [Reminiscences of Vi Kyuin Wellington Koo : oral history, 1975.](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Childhood and education, 1882-1912; first decade as diplomat, 1912-1922; service in China, 1922-1932; mission to Paris, 1932-1941; second mission to London, 1941-1946; to Washington, 1946-1953; second mission to Washington, 1953-1956; service as foreign minister and premier; representative to League of Nations and United Nations; associate justice of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, 1956-1967; detailed table of contents for all eight volumes. Audio content for this interview is broken into segments that not follow same sequence as the transcript

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized.
The digitized audio is accompanied by timestamped indexing for ease of navigation.

Kung, H. H. (Kung, Hsiang-hsi; Kong, Xiangxi), 孔祥熙 , 1958

Physical Description: 147 pages

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Childhood, family's position in business, early influence of missionaries, experiences in politics, the Boxer Rebellion; education in China and United States, return to China; early association with Kuomintang and rise within Nationalist government; trip to Europe 1937 and meetings with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Neville Chamberlain, Eduard Benes, Hitler, and Mussolini; view of many government policies, role in currency stabilization, information about the Sian Incident and increasing Japanese pressure; friendship with various Chinese and foreign leaders.

Scope and Contents

Interview audio has been digitized.

Li, Hanhun, 李漢魂 , 1962

Physical Description: 239 pages

Digital Object: [Li, Hanhun, 李漢魂](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Part I: Childhood, military education, military experience before the Northern Expedition (1928-1930), pacification of two areas in Kwangtung, War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (1937-1938), governor of Kwangtung Province, 1939-1945; Part II, experience as wartime governor: organization of provincial government with

administrative organs; Part III: a select translation of his detailed diary for 1949, amplified by explanations and opinions

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript has been digitized.

Li, Huang, 李璜, 1972

Physical Description: 1013 pages

Digital Object: [Li, Huang, 李璜](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Childhood; rise of Young China Association, 1918; student life in France; organization of Chinese Communist Party in France, and development of European student connections; return to China, domestic unrest, foreign intervention, 1929-1931; Manchurian Volunteer Army; Battle of the Great Wall; campaigns against Red bandits and to intercept Chu and Mao's march to the West (1933-1935); National United Front, 1937; defense of Wuhan; People's political council, social situation, administration and enforcement of economic control during war; Democratic League and political consultative conference, 1941-1947; Marshall's mission to mediate: reorganization of government and convening of National Assembly; financial bankruptcy and military collapse; Communist Army crosses Yangtse River, period of turmoil, 1949-1953.

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript has been digitized

Li, Shuhua, 李書華, 1961

Physical Description: 243 pages

Physical Description: 10 Reels

Digital Object: [Li, Shuhua, 李書華](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Autobiography; practice of the Ta-hsueh Ch'u System; education and research in science from 1920 to 1950s; balance of French share of the Boxer Indemnity: its remission and use; Board of Trustees for Sino-British Educational and Cultural Endowment Fund; background on Li Ta-chao and Ch'en Tu-hsiu and early development of communism; Wu Chih-hui, Ts'ai Yuan-pei, Li Shih-tseng, and Chang Ching-chiang: their participation in the revolution and their contributions to China; examination system of the Ch'ing dynasty.

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized.

Li, Zongren (Li Tsung-jen), 李宗仁, 1961

Physical Description: 1000 pages

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Boyhood and education in military academies; development of young military man during early days of the Republic; military unification of Kwangsi; Northern Expedition of 1926-1928: command of Kwangsi Army, strategic planning, campaigns, power conflicts; regional conflict, 1928-1937, attempts to suppress regional power groups; war of resistance against Japan, field commander 1937-1945, victor over Japan at Taierchwang; account of the collapse of the Nationalist Government and retreat to Taiwan

Shen, Yiyun (Shen I-yun), 沈亦云, 1962

Physical Description: 489 pages

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Ancestry, girlhood and early education; life in the Peiyang Normal School for Girls; observations and experiences during Revolution of 1911, second revolution, life in exile; Peking, Tientsin, travel abroad; Capital Revolution; acting premiership; return

to the south, participation in Northern Expedition; first "Special Municipality" in China and its first mayor; new Foreign Minister and settlement of Nanking incident; Tsinan Incident, Mukden Thunderbolt, husband's last mission in North China; T'ang-ku Truce; Political Reconstruction Council and unsuccessful reconstruction in North China; outbreak of war of resistance; new school of Nan-p'ing and rehabilitation of Mo-kan-shan; dynastic tradition and reluctant departure.

Tsiang, Tingfu Fuller (Jiang, Tingfu), 蔣廷黻, 1965

Physical Description: 250 pages

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Digital Object: [Reminiscences of Ting-fu Fuller Tsiang: oral history, 1965.](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Reminiscences of childhood; education in the United States, including graduate studies at Columbia University; wartime work in France with the Y.M.C.A.; teaching at Tsinghua University; reflections on career as educatory, government official, head of the Chinese National Relief and Reconstruction Commission, chief of the Chinese Delegation to the United Nations, and Chinese ambassador to Washington

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized. The digitized audio is accompanied by timestamped indexing for ease of navigation.

Wang, C. T. (Wang, Chengting Thomas; Wang, Zhengting), 王正廷, 1960

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Digital Object: [Wang, C. T. \(Wang, Chengting Thomas; Wang, Zhengting\), 王正廷](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#).

Scope and Contents

Interview audio has been digitized.

Wu, K. C. (Wu, Kuo-Cheng), 吳國楨, 1962

Physical Description: 391 pages

Physical Description: 2 Reels

Digital Object: [Reminiscences of Wu Kuo-Cheng, 1962](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Relationship with Chiang Kai-shek, 1946-1953; early postwar problems; Mayor of Shanghai, loss of mainland; governor of Taiwan; estrangement from Chiang Kai-shek and resignation; aftermath of break with nationalists.

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized.

Zhang, Fakui (Chang, Fa-k'uei), 張發奎, 1965

Physical Description: 1033 pages

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Digital Object: [Reminiscences of Fa-k'uei Chang, 1965](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Early years to May 1920; Kwantung Army, May-October 1920; military life in Kwantung, November 1920-June 1925; reorganization of army, Twelfth Division, June 1925-June 1926; the Ironsides on the northern expedition, June 1926-April 1927; second northern expedition and Nanchang Revolt, April-August 1927; Canton coup and communist revolt, retirement, August 1927-early 1929; relations with Kwangsi clique to May 1931, politics and travel to early 1936; Fukien-Kiangsi-Chekiang-Anhui and Kiangsi-Chekiang border areas, early 1936-July 1937; Shanghai and Wuhan campaigns, July 1937-38; Fourth War zone, late 1938-September 1939; Fourth War

zone, October 1939-spring 1944; Fourth War zone and Vietnam, 1940-1944

Scope and Contents

Interview transcript and audio have been digitized.

Zuo, Shunsheng (Tso, Shun-sheng), 左舜生, 1961

Physical Description: 304 pages

Physical Description: 2 Reels

Digital Object: [Zuo, Shunsheng \(Tso, Shun-sheng\), 左舜生](#)

Other Finding Aids

Additional information about interview, including rights and access conditions, can be found in the [CLIO record](#). Use [CLIO record](#) to request paper transcript in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Scope and Contents

Early life and education; participation in and leadership of the Young China Party; meetings with Chiang Kai-shek; rapprochement between the Young China Party and the Kuomintang; appointment to the National Defense Advisory Council; Third Group mediation between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party; government job as minister of agriculture and forestry; editorship of the Lien-ho P'ing-lun [United Voice Weekly]. Valuable as inside account of Chinese political and intellectual history. Audio does not represent full interview content. Most audio associated with interview was not retained. Content on reel was retained as sample of source material for edited transcript.

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