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PRE-INTERVIEW SURVEY

Please answer as many questions as you feel comfortable completing.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

I am able to visit the New Brunswick campus for an interview: ____ yes ____ no

I would like additional information on donating my personal or family papers, photographs, or other materials to Rutgers Special Collection and University Archives: ____ yes ____ no ____ possibly, please send additional information.

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

FAMILY HISTORY

Father's Name: _____

Place/Date of Birth: _____

Place/Date of Death: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Education (check highest level of education): ____ none ____ some elementary ____ elementary
____ some high school ____ high school ____ some college ____ college ____ graduate school

If your father attended college, please list name(s) of school(s) and date(s) of graduation: _____

Father's Occupational History: _____

Father's Religious Affiliation: _____

Father's Political Affiliation: _____

Father's Military Service: _____

Did other close relatives serve in the military? If so, please give details: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Date/Place of Birth: _____

Date/Place of Death: _____

Education (check highest level of education): _____ none _____ some elementary _____ elementary
_____ some high school _____ high school _____ some college _____ college _____ graduate school

If your mother attended college, please list name(s) of school(s) and date(s) of graduation: _____

Mother's Occupational History: _____

Mother's Religious Affiliation: _____

Mother's Political Affiliation: _____

Mother's Military Service: _____

Did other close relatives serve in the military? If so, please give details: _____

Date/Place of Parents' Marriage: _____

Please list the names of your brothers and/or sisters, their dates of birth, their highest level of education, degree attained (if possible, please list name of school and date of graduation): _____

YOUR EDUCATION PRIOR TO DOUGLASS COLLEGE (NEW JERSEY COLLEGE FOR WOMEN)

Elementary School -- name, location, and years of attendance: _____

High School -name, location, and years of attendance: _____

Other Colleges attended before coming to Douglass, please include dates of attendance: _____

YOUR DOUGLASS (NJC) EXPERIENCE

When did you enter Douglass? _____

Major(s): _____

Scholarships Held: _____

Honor Societies/Clubs/Athletic Teams: _____

Where did you live while attending Douglass? _____

Who was your favorite professor? _____

What was your religious affiliation at Douglass? _____

What was your political affiliation at Douglass? _____

Year of Graduation: _____

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY

Date and Place of Enlistment: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Age: ____ Rank at Enlistment: _____

Where did you complete basic training? _____

Did you apply for any specialized branches of the service or training opportunities? If so, please list and give dates: _____

Did you enter an officers' training program? ____ When and where did you complete your training? _____

What was your primary job in the military (i.e., pilot, nurse, clerk, etc.)? _____

Were you ever in or near a combat zone? ____ If so, where, when and against whom? _____

Were you ever wounded? ____ Were you a prisoner of war? ____ If so, where were you held and for how long? _____

Did you participate in occupation duty? ____ If so, where and for how long? _____

Please list awards and decorations received: _____

Please list rank, date and place of discharge: _____

Please list any national or unit veterans' association(s) to which you have belonged: _____

For those who served in the Army/ANC/Marine Corps/WAAC/WAC:

Company: _____ Commanded by: _____

Battalion: _____ Commanded by: _____

Base/Facility: _____ Commanded by: _____

For those who served in the Navy/NNC/SPARS/WAVES:

Ship(s): _____ Commanded by: _____

Squadron: _____ Commanded by: _____

Base/Facility: _____ Commanded by: _____

For those who served in the Air Force/Navy or Marine Air:

Air Force: _____ Commanded by: _____

Group: _____ Commanded by: _____

Squadron: _____ Commanded by: _____

Base/Facility/Ship: _____ Commanded by: _____

Please list any overseas postings (with dates): _____

If you served in multiple units, please list your primary unit here and others on the back of this survey. If you were a career military officer/enlisted person, you may wish to include a résumé.

FOR THOSE WHO REMAINED ON THE HOME FRONT

Where did you live during the war years? _____

____ with your parents ____ rent ____ own home

Were you employed in any war-related industries? ____ Where (company and location)? _____

What was your specific job(s) (i.e., welder, clerk, etc.)? _____
Did your company or institution do any classified or secret work for the military? ____ Please give details: _____

Did your business or industry have a union? ____ Were you a member? ____ Please list the name of the union: _____

Did you or your family participate in a civil defense unit? ____ Please give details: _____

Were you active in any volunteer organizations during the war? ____ Please list the name(s) and activities: _____

POSTWAR EXPERIENCES

Did you continue your education after the war? ____ Where and what degree(s) attained: _____

Did you make use of any GI Bill benefits? ____ Please list: _____

Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held): _____

Current Political Affiliation: _____

Current Religious Affiliation: _____

Have you ever run for political office? ____ Please give details: _____

YOUR SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: _____

Place/Date of Birth: _____

Elementary School -- name, location, and years of attendance: _____

High School -- name, location, and years of attendance: _____

College(s) attended and degree(s) attained (please include dates): _____

Occupational History (Please list by date, in reverse chronological order, including positions held): _____

Date/Place of Marriage: _____

YOUR CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

Number of children ____ Please give names of your children, date of birth, level of education attained. Please also include name of school(s) and date of degree(s), if possible:

Did any of your children serve in the military? ____ Please list dates, service branch, where stationed, etc.:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this extensive survey. Please feel free to provide any additional information that you think will help the interviewer prepare for your interview, such as your own unique experiences during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and/or the Cold War, your contact with prominent individuals, your professional experiences, etc.

Please mail the completed pre-interview survey to:

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