



EDWARD M. KENNEDY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interviewer's Briefing Materials **Anthony Lewis Interview, 06/18/2009**

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Miller Center Documents¹

- Anthony Lewis Fact Sheet.

Secondary Source Materials

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ANTHONY LEWIS FACT SHEET (1927 -)

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Background:

- **1948:** Lewis graduated from Harvard University, where he was an editor on the *Harvard Crimson* and a classmate of RFK (RFK did not enter Harvard until 1946, but was able to graduate with Lewis in 1948 because he received credit for his two years in V-12 training); EMK entered Harvard in the fall of 1950.
- **1948-52:** Lewis worked as a *New York Times* deskman.
- **1952-55:** worked for the Democratic National Committee and *Washington Daily News*.
- **1955-72:** served as *The New York Times* bureau chief in Washington and London; in Washington he covered the Supreme Court.
- **1970s-present:** has taught at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.
- **1974-89:** lectured at Harvard University (and was reportedly one of the few to support the placement of the John F. Kennedy Library in Cambridge; in 1975 the Kennedy family announced the library would be built in Columbia Point).
- **1969-2001:** *New York Times* columnist.
- **Since 2001:** has written Op-Ed column for *The New York Times*.
- **1955 and 1963:** won Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of U.S. Government's loyalty program and the Supreme Court, respectively.

Lewis' wife, Margaret H. Marshall:

- In 1984, Lewis married Margaret H. Marshall, who has served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts since 1999.
- Marshall wrote the 2003 majority opinion in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health* legalizing gay marriage in Massachusetts.
- Marshall was General Counsel and Vice President at Harvard.
- Marshall is from South Africa and attended the University of the Witwatersrand, where she led an anti-apartheid student organization for three years called the National Union of South African Students; in 1964 Marshall moved to Boston to attend Harvard; a few years later her old student organization in South Africa was one of the groups which invited RFK to visit during his 1966/67 South Africa trip.

References to Lewis in the Clymer biography:

- **1972 campaign:** EMK signals that he does not intend to run in 1972 by telling Lewis that he will support McGovern for the Democratic presidential nomination. (Clymer, p. 187)
- **1977 criminal code bill:** with EMK reportedly concerned about a liberal backlash against the bill, Feinberg recruits Alan Dershowitz to support the bill, and Lewis supports the bill in his *New York Times* column.

Lewis has written about EMK's work on the following issues in his New York Times columns:

- **1970s:** human rights in Chile.
- **1977:** EMK and criminal code reform.

- **Late 70s:** EMK's criticism of Carter's foreign policy.
- **1979-80:** EMK's presidential bid challenging Carter.
- **1980s:** EMK's opposition to Reagan's Central America policy.
- **1984:** EMK and presidential politics.
- **1985:** EMK's South Africa trip (Lewis had just married Marshall in 1984 and links EMK's trip to RFK's trip in the 1960s in his column).
- **1986:** EMK and Soviet dissidents.
- **1987:** the Bork nomination.
- **1994:** EMK's Senate campaign against Romney.
- **1998:** Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland.