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An Interview with Harry F. Reed

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Harry F. Reed was born September 15, 1918 in Danville, Illinois. After being drafted, Reed was inducted on February 1942 into the Air Force. He received basic training at an automotive Air Force mechanic's school in Texas. He also received schooling in Kansas City and at the Air Transport Command School in Washington, D.C. He flew in the Potsdam Conference, Quebec Conference, and Yalta Conference. During the Malta Conference, Reed's airplane was shot at while he was flying over Italy. The airplane crew quickly rerouted to Athens, Greece.

As a flight engineer, Reed was board a C-54 Skymaster, which flew secret servicemen ahead of the President's airplane. Reed also flew from Washington, D.C. to Azores, a Portuguese archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean. Later, he was aboard a mission involved in photographing the west coast of South America for a possible invasion into Japan.

After the war, Reed married his wife and had their first child in Washington, D. C. He eventually returned home to Danville, Illinois.

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