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An Interview with John Dee

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: John Dee was born in 1934 in Lincoln, Ill. He grew up on a farm in Elkhart. He served in the U.S. Military. He graduated from Elkhart High School and earned a BA from Notre Dame in 1958. Later, he earned a MS in Ed. Administration from Illinois State University in 1962 and a MS in Ed. Administration in 1972. He was superintendent for West Lincoln Elementary from 1958-1961, superintendent for Elkhart Grade School from 1961-1966, superintendent of Lyndon Grade School and Lyndon High School Districts from 1966-1968, and superintendent of the Prophetstown-Lyndon Unit District from 1969-87. From 1983-1996 he worked for the Illinois State Board of Education. His responsibilities included school facilities, life safety code and reorganization studies. In addition to this he was involved in insurance sales from 1981-1983 and marketing for FGM Architects (1996-1998). He was also a consultant for the Consulting and Resource Group, Inc (1998-2003).

Dee discusses his involvement with reorganization issues and studies while a member of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Subject Headings/Key Words: educational background, school reorganization, consolidation/annexation, dissolution, 1985 School Reform Act, incentives, types of school districts, Regional Office of Education Hearing.

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