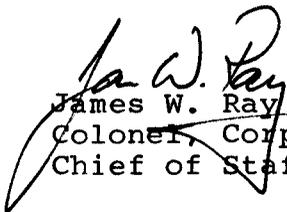


## FOREWORD

Few retired officers or civilians of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ever set down a summary of their careers with the intention of sharing their acquired knowledge with others. As a result, our organization and the engineering profession have lost valuable information and an important perspective for present and future decision-making. This volume in the Engineer Memoirs Series attempts to correct the situation by preserving material of historical significance that is not available elsewhere.

Major General William E. Potter had a distinguished career, first as an Engineer officer and then, in private life, as a manager in two major construction projects -- the 1965 World's Fair and Disney World. I recommend this interview to thoughtful officers and civilian members of the Engineer family.

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