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John Cloe was interviewed on September 21, 2016 at the Baranof Hotel in Juneau, Alaska by Karen Brewster. John lives in Anchorage, but he and Karen were both in Juneau for the 2016 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska joint annual conference, so it was a good opportunity to do an interview. John is a former member of the US Air Force and was on active duty in Alaska during part of the Cold War era, and is retired as historian with the US Air Force at Joint Base Fort Richardson/Elmendorf in Anchorage, Alaska. In this interview, John talked about the history of the Cold War in Alaska and Alaska's role in the Cold War and the impact it had on Alaska and Alaskans. He discussed the strategic importance of Alaska, Alaskan military operations, and the economic, military, social, and political implications of the Cold War in Alaska. He also talked about the legacy of the Cold War and what might be in store for the future with a possible "new Cold War."