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Special for JACQUELINE COCHRAN

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FILMS OF IKE FOR PRESIDENT RALLY FLOWN TO PARIS

Nancy Osgood at 1:15 P.M. over WRC (Washington)

"In Paris, aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran said today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower was tremendously and deeply touched by films of last Friday night's Ike For President rally in New York. Miss Cochran flew to Paris with films taken at the rally attended by a crowd of 15 thousand persons in Madison Square Garden, witnessed by countless televiewers and broadcast by radio. She was present when the films were seen by Eisenhower in the projection room at Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe. Asked if she thought the General's chances for becoming president were good, Miss Cochran said if only General Eisenhower would come back and do something about his chances it will be the first time that I will be optimistic about my country in 15 years. I hope and pray he will, and I think I'm speaking for millions of other Americans.

"Some Eisenhower for President leaders fear that the general will miss out on the nomination unless he returns soon and actively campaigns for the nomination. He has said that he will answer a call to run, but has refused to campaign openly for the designation. Miss Cochran admitted that it's impossible now to tell if General Ike will return, but, she added, he impressed me with his leadership, humility and willingness to serve not only the American people but also the people of the world. I was astounded at the simplicity of his office."

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