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Government official involved in establishment of Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization; foreign affairs advisor to Secretary of Defense, 1948-54.

Interview #1. Service as Navy test pilot during World War II. Post-war work in State Department as part of an intelligence operation: reports on Indochina; reasons for and problems in creation of Central Intelligence Agency. Service in Department of Defense: work on negotiations and organization of NATO; appraisal of DDE; death of Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense during DDE's first year as President: comment on cutting Defense budget; impressions of Louis Johnson and Charles Wilson as Secretaries of Defense; McCarthyism—its effect on government employees, pressure groups behind it, and testifying before McCarthy at a Senate hearing.

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