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Chief of the professional staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 1947-55; Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, 1955-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Service as chief of the professional staff, Senate Foreign Relations committee, 1947-55: his appointment; bipartisanship under Senator Arthur Vandenberg; short comments on Committee's role in policy decisions re the Marshall Plan, NATO, American involvement in Indochina, establishment of regional security pacts, and the Bricker amendment; Committee's concern over McCarthyism. Service as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, 1955-61: his appointment; how the State Department staff felt towards the United Nations; short comments on the Suez crisis of 1956, Lebanon crisis of 1958, and Congo crisis of 1960; observations re John Foster Dulles—assessment of him as secretary of state, his relationship with DDE, and the DDE-Dulles foreign policy; Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the UN in 1960. General assessment of DDE as president.

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