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Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, 1953-57; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations Affairs, 1957-58; Assistant Secretary of State for Security and Consular Affairs, 1958-61.

Interview #1. Personal background on career up to 1953. Work as a Special Assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles: being offered the position; responsibilities and duties of his job; observations on the mechanics of how Dulles ran the Secretary of State’s office. Reflections on Dulles’ relationship with DDE: number of calls and meetings between the two men; how they worked together as a team. Comments on the general question of morale among State Department personnel. His impressions of DDE’s leadership and decisiveness during Lebanon crisis, and Bermuda Conference. How DDE worked with Christian Herter. General observations on major foreign policy problems during DDE administration. Assessment of DDE, and the DDE years.

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