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Naval officer with the Pacific Fleet; member, Strategic Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 1953-55; Director, Progress Analysis Group, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 1957-59.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Tour of duty as a member of the Strategic Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: helping to devise a new strategic look for the Eisenhower Administration; possibility of U.S. using the atomic bomb; working for Arleigh Burke; overseas bases in the Far East; creation and planning for SEATO. Tour of duty at Sangley Point, Philippine Islands: construction of Cubi Point Naval Air Base, and use of Filipino contractors; maintaining good relations with the Filipinos, and President Magsaysay. Service as Director, Progress Analysis Group (PAG) in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: creating a long-range, 15-year plan for naval development; public relations work of PAG—presenting the concept of American sea power to the general public; legislative liaison work; feelings towards PAG's public relations work by naval officers, and the other military services; making presentations to meetings of the Navy League and the Naval Reserve Association. Tour of duty as commander of the attack carrier Hancock: improving the crew's morale and efficiency; general observations on the carrier's ports of call in Asia.

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