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Minister-Counselor, American Embassy, Athens, Greece, 1950-53; Deputy High Commander to Austria, 1953-54; U.S. Minister, 1954-55, and Ambassador, 1955-56, to Laos; Minister, American Embassy, Paris, 1956-58; U.S. Ambassador to Syria, 1958, and Morocco, 1958-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Change from Truman to DDE in foreign policy; John Foster Dulles. McCarthy's effect on the State Department; Roy Cohn and Gerhard Schine; McCarthy hearings. U.S. prestige in Europe; stabilization of Greece by the Truman Doctrine. Occupation of Austria; Russian Zone in Austria; Allied Council and its relations with the USSR. Significance of Austria to the U.S. and USSR; Austrian State Treaty. Geneva Accords and the instability of Indochina; Significance of Laos to the U.S.; Vietnam; SEATO Treaty. U.S. concern for foreign markets; French obsession with Algeria; Suez crisis; NATO and Charles De Gaulle. Syrian government; Nasser; Communist infiltration. Eisenhower Doctrine in the Middle East; CIA coup attempt in Syria. Yost's opinion of DDE's foreign policy performance.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Thomas Soapes, 1978]