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Interview #1. State Department activities: Secretary George Marshall, John Foster Dulles, and the 1947 Four-Power Conference in Moscow; early connections with the NSC. The NSC under President Eisenhower: Bobby Cutler's role in reorganizing NSC; Smith coming to work for Cutler and NSC; DDE's use of NSC as an advisory board in reaching decisions; operation of NSC and its Planning Board under Cutler; membership of NSC; Robert Bowie, and the Planning Board. Work as Executive Officer for OCB: assessment of OCB's usefulness; observations on OCB's methods of operating. NSC formulation of a basic national security policy (Project Solarium), and DDE's views on how to carry out the policy. Changes made by President Kennedy in structure of NSC and OCB.

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