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State Department official and Foreign Service officer specializing in Africa; adviser to U.S. delegation to United Nations, 1955.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Discussion on being stationed in Dakar during Allied landings in 1942; French attitude toward Americans, cooperation between French and British, French knowledge of American intelligence work in Dakar. Observations that African independence was inevitable. Comments on the Congo and the Belgians, Rhodesia and the white minority, Guinea and DeGaulle. Discussion of Ambassador Lodge and the tenth session of the U.N.; French in Algeria; Mason Sears; abolition of colonialism vote. Comments on the McCarthy hearings and damage to the Foreign Service. Discussion on the Commission on Human Rights; Mary Pillsbury Lord; question of slavery. Comments on influence of Christian missionaries. Discussion of bloodshed in Burundi between Tutsis and Hutu: racial rather than tribal. Discussion of U.S. policy toward France during Eisenhower Administration.

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