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U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1944-46; President of UNESCO General Conference in Paris, 1951.

DESCRIPTION: Education and work for the Federal Home Bank System in 1935; setting up the National Science Fund for the National Academy of Sciences; work with Leo Crowley during the war in the Office of Alien Property Custodian; joining the Joint Chiefs of Staff; running the Technical Industrial Intelligence Committee; joining the State Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; putting together wartime information programs; work for John Foster Dulles organizing the Executive Branch for the conduct of foreign affairs; work to create the U.S. Information Agency (USIA); work for the Ford Foundation for Rowan Gaither and Don Price; Advisory on National Security Affairs; transition from Truman to Eisenhower Administrations; transition especially hard for the State Department and the long out of power Republicans; lack of trust for career foreign service officers; Don Lourie's role in developing a basic philosophy for State; influence of Joseph McCarthy's attacks on the State Department; dismissal of officials associated with China policy; influence of Henry Wriston; separation of the AID and creation of the USIA Reorganization Plan 8; Heller Consulting Associates and the USIA; DDE's ideas regarding the image of the U.S. abroad; replacement of the Psychological Strategy Board with the Operations Coordinating Board; Radio Liberty; Soviet émigrés who spoke on the radio to Soviet citizens; differences between Voice of America; Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty.

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