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Career foreign service officer; United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1953-1957; United States Ambassador to the Philippines, 1957-1959; Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Soviet Affairs, 1959-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Early associations with Eisenhower; impressions of Eisenhower; 1952 Campaign and attacks by Senators Jenner and McCarthy on General George Marshall; comments on impact of Scott McLeod on morale of foreign service officers; Geneva Four Power Summit Conference of 1955; analysis of U-2 Incident and its influence on Nikita Khrushchev's attitude toward Eisenhower; Soviet Union and the Middle East; Hungary; Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin; assessment of the Cold War; of Germany as a major problem in US-USSR relations; Eisenhower's relationship with John Foster Dulles; comments on Yalta and on Bohlen's nomination as Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Eisenhower's friendship with Marshal Zhukov.

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