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Member, Psychological Strategy Board and Operations Coordinating Board Staff, 1951-56; Assistant to the Staff Secretary in the White House, 1956-61.

Interview #1. Background information; graduate work at University of Iowa; World War II; first position with General Services Administration; five years with the Office of the Coordinator of Information; "America First;" operations of the OCI; succession of OCI by the Office of Strategic Services; William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan; effect of Pearl Harbor on OSS.

Interview #2. Military service; duties with the Central Secretariat at the Department of State; opinion of John Foster Dulles and Dean Acheson; McCarthyism; the Marshall Plan; assignment with the State Working Group; various personalities in the State Department; everyday operations of the Psychological Strategy Board and Operations Coordinating Board; opinion of Harold Stassen; interview for job as Assistant to the Staff Secretary by Andrew Goodpaster and Sherman Adams; Phillip Areeda and Lucille Catlett as fellow staff members; the process, daily routine and guidance for preparing "Staff Notes;" Toner's sitting in on Cabinet Meeting introducing "Staff Notes;" contact persons at the agencies; President's use of the "Staff Notes;" scorecards; dealing with the White House staff; congressional reporting; Toner's relationship with Andrew Goodpaster; weekly staff meetings; impressions of Bryce Harlow and Clarence Randall; subsequent positions in government service.

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