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U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 1950-53; Ambassador to Lebanon, 1953-54; Director General, U.S. Foreign Service, 1954-56; Ambassador to Egypt, 1956-58; Ambassador to United Arab Republic, 1958-60; Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 1960-61.

Interview #1. Early foreign service career. Islamic architecture. John Foster Dulles' trip to the Middle East in 1953: Dulles' character; talks with Saudi Arabian officials. Service in Lebanon. Service in Egypt: 1956 Suez crisis; Nasser; PL 480; Aswan Dam. Shah of Iran. Observations on U.S. objectives in Middle East: Russian penetration; Palestine question; oil. Comments on Nasser: why United Arab Republic formed; Nasser's character; Nasser's position as an Arab leader; 1956 Suez crisis.

Interview 2. Service in Saudi Arabia: U.S. interest in the country's oil; air base at Dhahran; King Saud and King Faisal; Saudi officials' feelings towards Israel. Comments on service in Lebanon and Lebanese President Chamoun. His work while Director General of the Foreign Service on the policy of "Wristonization" (process of assimilating civil service personnel from the State Department into the Foreign Service). Dulles' feelings towards Middle East problems. U.S. reaction to Communist arms sales to Egypt in 1955. Service in Egypt: 1956 Suez crisis; observations on Nasser's character; Nasser and King Hussein of Jordan; formation of U.A.R.; PL 480 in Egypt; Eisenhower Doctrine. U.S. position towards Israel. Service as Deputy Under Secretary: accomplishments; comments on Laos, and Diem and South Vietnam. General assessments of Eisenhower and Dulles.

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