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Member, 1957-63, and Chairman, 1959-61, of the President's Science Advisory Committee; Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, 1959-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background and membership in the President's Science Advisory Committee. David Beckler and the origin of the PSAC; access to DDE; Cranberry Sauce Affair. Space satellites, especially the Vanguard. Space race with the Soviets; NASA; Engineers versus scientists on the PSAC. Kistiakowsky's reception at the White House. His relations with the Departments of Defense and State and scientific groups. Comparison between DDE's and JFK's attitudes on science and technology matters.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Thomas Soapes, 1976]