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Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee, 1949-63, including service in Germany, 1949-55, member of US delegation to the European offices of the United Nations, 1957-61, and service in Israel, 1961-63; staff member, National Security Council (NSC), 1963-72.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background: post-World War II work with Robert A. McClure on psychological warfare; joining the CIA. Service in Germany: short observations on various aspects of his job; comments on personnel that the CIA worked with; impressions of General Lucian Truscott. Observations on CIA Director Allen Dulles, and the Bay of Pigs landing. Comments on the various heads of the US delegations while he served as a member of the US delegation to the European offices of the UN in Switzerland. Service in Israel: assessment of various US ambassadors to Israel; relations between the US and Israel, and Israeli Jews and American Jews. Working with McGeorge Bundy, Walter Rostow, and Henry Kissinger at the NSC.

Interview #2. Observation on Robert A. McClure and psychological warfare in World War II. Comments on American attitudes towards the UN, contrasting USSR's use of UN international civil servants with US's use of them. Service in Switzerland, 1957-61: reflections and anecdotes re observing and reporting on international activities in Geneva; position of Switzerland in international espionage. General observations on the problem of leaking security-classified information. Comments on Israel: dedication and ability of Israeli diplomatic corps and other government workers; assessment of various Israeli officials. Reflections on Secretary of State Christian Herter.

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