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Foreign Service officer in China, 1935-45; U.S. Consul General, Stuttgart, West Germany, 1953-56; member, Policy Planning Staff, Department of State, 1959-62.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Entrance into the Foreign Service. Service in China: language training; observation on the World War II years. Work while on staff of State Department's Division of Chinese Affairs, 1945-48. Political reporting officer in Manila, 1949-51. Impact of McCarthyism on his career. Position as Consul General at Stuttgart: handling administrative problems; relations with U.S. military officials; comments on German political parties.

Interview #2. Dr. Henry Wriston, and his reorganization program for the State Department. Duties as a Foreign Service inspector, 1956-59. Work on the Policy Planning Staff: preparing a policy paper on China; comments on how to handle Communist insurgency in Southeast Asia. Service while Consul General in Hong Kong during the 1960s as an information source on mainland China.

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