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Member of President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers, 1957; Science Advisor to the Secretary of State, 1958-60; Consultant to President's Science Advisory Committee, 1958-60.

DESCRIPTION: Background information; work as science advisor to John Foster Dulles; work for the Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War II; work with the Naval Ordnance Laboratory for Rockets and Missiles; creating a scientific branch for the Central Intelligence Agency; working as associate director and acting director of the National Bureau of Standards; setting up science attaches in embassies while science advisor to Secretary Dulles; stepping aside for Secretary Herter; relationship with Dulles; deciding which countries needed science attaches; the Office of Naval Research—England; India; Israel-Egypt; Canada; President's Science Advisory Committee; James Killian as science advisor; the National Science Foundation; the Senate Foreign Relations committee study (1959) on impact of science on foreign policy; scientific information available in the Soviet Union; reproducing Western scientific journals in Russia; reaction to Sputnik; comparison of Russian and American technology; anecdote concerning visit to Russian Academy of Science; Eisenhower's declining of invitation to speak at meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Brode as co-chairman of the People-to-People Committee for Scientists and Engineers; the Science Manpower Commission and its goals; the influence of the space program on the scientific community.

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