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Special Assistant to Secretary of State for Atomic Affairs, 1954-57; Assistant Secretary of State, Director of Policy Planning Staff, Department of State, 1957-61; Foreign Policy Consultant, Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research, 1961-69; Director of U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1969-72.

DESCRIPTION: Joining the staff of [John Foster] Dulles, 1954; the Atoms for Peace proposal (including initial reactions; Molotov; Eisenhower's attitude; benefits derived from atomic energy; success of the IAEA-International Atomic Energy Agency); Smith's relationship with Secretary Dulles (including comments on Dulles' character; anecdote regarding NATO); Dulles' relationship with Eisenhower (including interaction; Eisenhower's dependence on Dulles); comparison of the two secretaries, Dulles and [Christian] Herter (including personalities; philosophies); Smith's assessment of various government personalities (including [Andrew J.] Andy Goodpaster; Lewis [L.] Strauss; Thomas E. Murray; John [A.] McCone; James [R.] Killian; George [B.] Kistiakowsky; Gordon Gray; Robert [R.] Bowie; James [J.] Wadsworth; Phil Farley); anecdote regarding V.S. Emelyanov; Sir David Ormsby-Gore; appointment as Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff (1957); purpose of job (including anecdote regarding inception of Alliance for Progress program; long-range policy planning regarding Taiwan; studying the Panama Canal problem); involvement in formulating national security policy (including meetings with NSC; connections with CIA); deputy directors (Bert Matthews; George Morgan) and staff personnel; policy planning (including nuclear weapons and philosophy regarding use; Smith's personal views; anecdote regarding Quemoy-Matsu); Harold [E.] Stassen (including relationship with Eisenhower; character; arms control); the Committee of Principals; Administration contingency plans for war (general war vs. limited war plans); U.S.-British relationships and nuclear weapons; Administration policy on French nuclear force; General Lauris Norstad and NATO; Lyndon [B.] Johnson (including Dulles' regard for; Smith's relationship with Johnson); Smith's assessment of the Eisenhower Administration's foreign policy (including Eisenhower's management of foreign policy; Eisenhower's attitude toward foreign policy in military affairs).

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Martin Mack Teasley, May 8, 1990]