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Deputy Secretary, 1953-54, and Under Secretary, 1955-57, of the Treasury; U.S. Representative on NATO, 1957-61.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1 (November 13, 1974). Background information; work with the statistics branch of the general staff in World War I; work with Federal Reserve Bank; Burgess' three published books; work with National City Bank of New York; bank efforts during World War II; the Young Plan; the Bank for International Settlements; Hjalmar Schacht; European banking prior to World War II; offer from George Humphrey of position at Treasury; national debt; responsibilities of Treasury; International Monetary Fund; relations with Congress; longer-term bonds; Treasury staff; Keynesian economics; further comments on Treasury staff.

Interview #2 (March 1, 1977). Assessment of George Humphrey; longer-term bonds; Sen. Hubert Humphrey; Sen. Harry Byrd; major considerations in establishing monetary policies; opinion of Gabriel Hauge; tariff laws and open trade; role of government in the economy; national debt and a balanced budget; Eisenhower's knowledge of financial community; rates of economic growth; Humphrey-Eisenhower relationship; situation in NATO; Western European countries; summit conference in Paris of NATO leaders; Organization for European Economic Cooperation and the Common Market; NATO forces and Eastern Europe; Charles DeGaulle and the Western Alliance; Jean Monet; readiness of NATO forces; opinion of Lauris Norstad and Alfred Gruenther; opinion of John Foster Dulles; Dulles-Adenauer relationship; further comments on DeGaulle; assessment of Atlantic unity at end of Eisenhower Administration.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interviews by Maclyn Burg on November 13, 1974 and Thomas Soapes on March 1, 1977]