

Summary of Oral History Transcript

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This interview broadly covers the period between 1934, starting with Collado's first government assignment in the U.S. Treasury with Harry Dexter White (then special advisor to Secretary Morgenthau), up to the Marshall Plan in the summer of 1947. It addresses, amongst other issues of that time, the background to the Bretton Woods Conference, and the personalities and work involved culminating in the establishment of the IMF and the World Bank. Collado provides an in-depth look into the U.S. Government's perspective on international postwar aid, mainly that of the Treasury and State Department, and their handling of various aid programs.

Collado gives a detailed account of his involvement on the working level while in the State Department, specifically, on the 'Bank side' of the Bretton Woods Conference, including the Keynes Plan and the U.S. Government's negotiations with the British. Collado gives his impressions of Lord Keynes as compared with Harry D. White. He concludes with his impression and evaluation of President Truman, as well as other U.S. government personalities involved and with whom he had interacted during that period.