

ALLEN WELSH DULLES

Allen Welsh Dulles was born on April 7, 1893 in Watertown, New York. He is one of the five children of the Rev. Allen Macy and Edith (Foster) Dulles. His father, a Presbyterian minister, was the nephew of John Welsh, envoy to England during the Hayes administration. His maternal grandfather, John Watson Foster, was Secretary of State under President Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Dulles graduated from the Auburn High School, Auburn, New York. He studied at the Ecole Alsatiennne in Paris before entering Princeton University. He holds the B.A. degree from Princeton (1914); the M.A. from Princeton (1916); the LL.B. from George Washington University (1926). He was awarded the LL.D. from Brown University (1947); from Temple University (1952); from Columbia University (1955); from Princeton University (1957); from George Washington University (1959); and from Boston College (1961).

Mr. Dulles taught at Allahabad, India in 1915, and entered the U.S. diplomatic service in 1916, being assigned to Vienna, Austria, and in 1917 to Berne, Switzerland. He was a member of the American Commission to negotiate peace at the Paris Peace Conference, 1918-19, and was appointed first secretary of the American Commission (Embassy) in Berlin in 1920. He served with the American Commission in Constantinople, Turkey, from 1920 to 1922 and was chief of the State Department's Division of Near Eastern Affairs from 1922 to 1926. Mr. Dulles was delegate of the United States to the International Conference on Arms Traffic in Geneva in 1925, and to the Preparatory Disarmament Conference in 1926. He served as legal advisor to the American delegation at both the Three-Power Naval Conference in Geneva in 1927 and the General Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932 and 1933.

Mr. Dulles resigned from the diplomatic service in 1926 to take up the practice of law with Sullivan and Cromwell in New York City. During World War II he served with the Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland, and later headed the O.S.S. mission to Germany. In 1948 he was designated by President Truman as chairman of the three-man group to survey the U.S. intelligence system. He has written several books, including Germany's Underground, (Macmillan) which appeared in 1947. He received the Medal of Merit and the Medal of Freedom, 1946, from the U.S. Government, and has also been decorated by the French, Belgian and Italian governments for his work during 1942-45.

In January 1951, Mr. Dulles joined the CIA and was appointed Deputy Director of Central Intelligence in August of the same year. On February 26, 1953 he was designated by President Eisenhower to be Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. Dulles married the former Clover Todd of New York in 1920. They have two daughters and a son, and make their home in Washington, D. C.