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## Matter Of Consistency Should Be Noted By CIA

The televised remarks the other day by Allen W. Dulles, head of the controversial Central Intelligence Agency, may be taken almost in stride normal for the often bewildering going on in Washington.

Mr. Dulles didn't say anything important; he merely revealed that insofar as his CIA had learned, Soviet Russia has made much progress in development of inter-continental ballistic missiles, but is not yet ahead of the U. S.

Minor politicians utter far more sweeping remarks daily on pure guesswork, without making a headline.

Some citizens may wonder, however, at the propriety of this Dulles voicing publicly the findings of his top-secret agency, or mounting a rostrum to say anything of such nature, however vaguely.

The CIA clings to its repute of being such a hush-hush agency, dealing only with the president and topmost military brass, that it can get and spend big appropriations without accounting.

Recent Congressional efforts to check on its efficacy and general methods, maybe even set up some supervision for it, created a storm and were shelved.

It is common outsider opinion that every other government agency, especially the military services, have their own efficient intelligence functions and staffs and do not depend on the CIA.

Even so, if the CIA is really sacrosanct and triple top secret, Allen W. Dulles may possibly step on the public by joining the publicity parade.

If he is as given to blunders as is his brother, he might some day reveal something really important learned by his cloak-and-dagger sleuths aboard, then sing out "misquoted."

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