

THE HEADLINER: 8:10 PM

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DOUGLAS EDWARDS: "Hello everybody. This is Douglas Edwards with our headliner of the week.

"Today, we'd like to tell you about America's master spy, the man behind this week's headlines. America's number one spy looks more like a scholar than a secret agent, and considers his work undramatic. He says he's never been shot at, and no one ever tried to kidnap him.

"We'll tell you more about this week's headliner in just a moment."

EDWARDS: "Allen Welsh Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is today's headliner. Currently, Mr. Dulles and the CIA are the center of considerable attention, over what they did or didn't do in the Cuban invasion.

"Allen Dulles is an intelligence chief who grew up in the business, and that's a rarity in the United States. Allen Dulles got his first espionage assignment in World War I, when he was a member of the American Foreign Service. He was assigned to gather political intelligence on Southeast Europe in Switzerland. And as a result of not seeing someone then, Dulles has made an effort to try to see anyone who wants to talk with him now.

"In Switzerland, a bearded foreign journalist wanted to discuss European politics with him. U. S. officials said it was a waste of time. And young Allen Dulles did not meet Nikolai Lenin, who was just about to leave for Russia to help make the revolution.

"Allen Dulles was born in Watertown, New York, the son of a Presbyterian minister, the grandson and nephew of two Secretaries of States. At the age of eight, Allen Dulles was already interested in international relations. He wrote a 31 page history of the Boer War, criticizing the British policy.

"Between wars, Allen Dulles became chief of the State Department's Near Eastern Affairs Division. With a wife and three children, Allen Dulles left the diplomatic corps to make more money. He joined his older brother's Wall Street law firm, Sullivan and Cromwell.

"In World War II, Allen Dulles went back to intelligence work in Switzerland for Wild Bill Donovan, OSS. Dulles became involved in, and encouraged, the general plot to kill Hitler, and uncovered the first evidence that someone in the British Embassy in Turkey was selling Allied secrets to the Nazis. This led to the discovery that the British ambassador's valet, Cicero, was a German agent, which made a sensational spy thriller in at least five languages.

"Allen Dulles also received a medal for getting the German armies in Italy to surrender before V-E Day. Allen Dulles went to law after the war, but his heart was still in intelligence work. He drafted the original plans on which the Central Intelligence Agency was eventually created in 1947.

"When General Bedell Smith took over the CIA in 1950, he drafted Dulles back into the intelligence work as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Allen Dulles does not consider himself a cloak-and-dagger type, nor do any of his associates. We'll bring you more of our headliner of the week in just a moment."

EDWARDS: "Allen Welsh Dulles is husky, six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds. His booming laugh, bouncy enthusiasm, and love of competitive sports reminds friends of Teddy Roosevelt. Sixty-eight years old, he still plays a sharp game of tennis, he golfs in the 90's, and works from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. daily.

"Pipe clamped between his teeth, wearing rimless glasses, in conservative, well-rumpled clothes, grey-mustached Allen Dulles looks more like a British headmaster than a super spy.

"After Allen Dulles joined CIA, Pravda, the Soviet newspaper, said, 'If the spy Allen Dulles should arrive in heaven through somebody's absent-mindedness, he would begin to blow up the clouds, mine the stars, and slaughter the angels.'

"All that Allen Dulles says about his CIA operation is, 'We're not as good as want to be, but we're better than a great many people realize.'"