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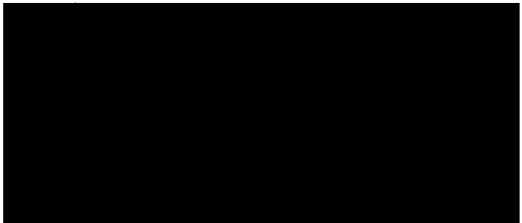
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Unsung Hero

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The man who first discovered the Soviet missile build-up in Cuba was an obscure — to most people — civil servant named Arthur C. Lundahl.

As assistant director of Central Intelligence for photographic interpretation, Lundahl's job was to inspect the U-2 pictures taken over Cuba on Oct. 14. Late that same night, he and his staff reached the firm conclusion that the Soviet Union was installing ballistic missiles on the island.

Lundahl cannot be blamed for the tardiness of the discovery or the apparent gap in U.S. surveillance of the island. His duty was to look at the pictures and report what they revealed. This he did and the Cuban crisis was on.

Lundahl's name might not have been publicized but for the fact that he was one of 10 Career Service Award winners for the year. Along with the nine other award winners, Lundahl will be honored at a dinner March 26.

The others are undoubtedly deserving for various bureaucratic performances, but they will understand if a grateful nation reserves its

thanks for Lundahl alone. His training and experience, including that as photogrammetry division chief of the Navy Photographic Interpretation Center, was available in one of the most crucial times in the nation's peacetime history.