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Why the CIA?

Richard M. Helms, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, justified the existence of the CIA twice during his talk, the first in five years, before the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The first came when he revealed that informers within the Soviet government confirmed what U-2 photos had showed; installation of Russian missiles in Cuba in 1962.

The second justification arrived when he implied that the U.S. still had secret ways of checking the Soviet Union's good faith, particularly in the current negotiations on strategic weapons.