



UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF

7 February 1956

Dear Allen:

The Commandant of the Army War College has informed me of his invitation to you to address the National Strategy Seminar to be held at the College during the period 6-8 June, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept.

The Army War College is the senior Army school for officer education. To be eligible for attendance, students must have demonstrated over a period of years their qualifications for future assignment to positions of the highest responsibility. The course of instruction lasts 10 months and covers a number of high level studies, both national and international in scope.

The Seminar is one of the highlights of the curriculum and will combine the work of the 200 student officers, the faculty, 50 nationally prominent civilians, and a number of military leaders of all services. I am sure that the seminar will leave the students with a better grasp of our national objectives, and of the problems inherent in the planning of National Strategy. Likewise, I believe that the guests will derive great benefit from the exchange of views.

An opening address by you on the world situation in 1956, and Soviet capabilities and limitations in the future, would provide a firm basis for the ensuing discussions, and would do much to insure the success of the Seminar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max".

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
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Washington 25, D. C.

ARMY WAR COLLEGE
CARLISLE BARRACKS, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

7 February 1956

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Army War College will be greatly honored if you will consent to address its National Strategy Seminar, to be held at Carlisle Barracks, 6 to 8 June, 1956.

In January of last year you were kind enough to accept a similar invitation. Unfortunately, the later press of circumstances prevented you from being present. Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., whom you nominated to take your place in these circumstances, contributed greatly to the success of the Seminar by his very fine presentation, for which the College was deeply grateful to both you and him.

We are hopeful that this year you will be able to be with us in person. The purpose of the Seminar does not differ substantially from that of last year, although the date has been changed from March to June so that the Seminar will serve as the culminating feature of the academic year. We expect to have with us a group of about fifty distinguished civilian guests, together with a number of military leaders, to discuss with the students and faculty of the Army War College the broad subject of our national strategy. Based on last year's experience, and the warm indorsements of participants, we are confident that the free interchange of ideas with and between guests of such prominence will result in mutual benefit to all. The Seminar will be classified as **SECRET**. No remarks by participants will be disseminated outside the College unless consent is first obtained.

To constitute a framework for the discussion we are anxious to provide an authoritative analysis of the world situation in 1956 and an

estimate of Soviet capabilities and limitations for the next 10-15 years. As the person best qualified to discuss this subject, I invite you to address the Seminar at 9:00 a. m. on 6 June 1956, on the subject: "The World Situation."

I am inclosing a brief suggestion as to the scope of the lecture, as we envision it; also, the scopes of the other three lectures which are scheduled during the Seminar, together with indications as to the other speakers being invited.

We would, of course, like to have you remain as long as your commitments will permit. In this connection, the plenary session will take place on 8 June.

We are most hopeful that, despite your arduous duties, you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Sincerely,



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NATIONAL STRATEGY SEMINAR

The World Situation

9:00 AM, 6 June 1956 (Mr. Allen W. Dulles)

A survey of the state of the world in 1956, highlighting major problem areas and the relative positions of the two power blocs with respect to these areas; an analysis of the significance of the neutral nations and the relatively undeveloped areas to the power balance; an estimate of Soviet capabilities and limitations for the next 10-15 years.

Political Aspects of National Strategy

11:00 AM, 6 June 1956 (Hon. John F. Dulles)

A discussion of the long and short range political goals of the United States; the relationships between such goals and cold, limited, or global war; relative political strengths and weaknesses of the two power blocs; psychological implications involved in the development and implementation of national political strategy; a summarizing projection of the optimum national political strategy, and its implementation, over the next 10-15 years.

Economic Aspects of National Strategy

9:00 AM, 7 June 1956 (Mr. Joseph M. Dodge)

A discussion of the long and short range economic goals of the United States; the relationships between such goals and cold, limited, or global war; relative economic strengths and weaknesses of the two power blocs; psychological implications involved in the development and implementation of national economic strategy; a summarizing projection of the optimum national economic strategy, and its implementation, over the next 10-15 years.

The Role of the Army in National Strategy

11:00 AM, 7 June 1956 (Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor)

A discussion of military considerations in the determination and execution of national strategy; the role and requirements of the Army in our national strategy today and its implementation over the next 10-15 years.