

NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR

INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE CLARK M. CLIFFORD

CIA Guest Speaker
10 October 1978

- I. WELCOME TO GUESTS FROM THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.
- II. BIOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS.
 - A. ADVISOR TO U.S. PRESIDENTS AND POLITICIANS FOR THREE DECADES.
 - B. ONE OF PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 AND 1949 AMENDMENTS.
 - C. MEMBER, THEN CHAIRMAN, OF PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB), 1961-68.
 - D. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, 1968-69.
 - E. SENIOR PARTNER OF LAW FIRM, CLIFFORD, GLASS, MCILWAIN AND FINNEY.
 - F. BORN 25 DECEMBER 1906 IN FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.
 - G. UNDERGRADUATE AND LAW DEGREES FROM UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS.
 - H. JOINED U.S. NAVAL RESERVE 1943. NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN 1945.
 - I. SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN 1946. ASSIGNED 1945-46 BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO STUDY UNIFICATION OF ARMED SERVICES.
 - J. OUTCOME--NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 AND 1949 AMENDMENTS.

- K. ADVISER TO BOTH PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND JOHNSON.
- L. APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY MAY 1961 TO PFIAB.
CHAIRMAN, 1963-68.
- M. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
JANUARY 1968-JANUARY 1969, WHEN RETURNED TO LAW
PRACTICE.

III. TOPIC:

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IV. QUESTION PERIOD.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CLARK M. CLIFFORD

Born Fort Scott, Kansas, December 25, 1906, son of the late Frank Andrew Clifford and the late Georgia (McAdams) Clifford. Shortly thereafter the family moved to St. Louis, Missouri.

Attended public schools and then went to college and law school at Washington University in St. Louis, graduating in 1928.

Entered the practice of law in St. Louis in 1928 in association with Jacob M. Lashly.

Volunteered for service in the United States Naval Reserve in 1943, and received commission of Lieutenant (j.g.) Served as special assistant to Commander, Western Sea Frontier, later as assistant Naval Aide to the President, and as Naval Aide to the President.

Separated from the Service in 1946 with permanent rank of Captain.

Appointed Special Counsel to the President of the United States in June, 1946 by President Harry S. Truman. Served in that capacity until February 1, 1950.

In 1945, President Truman assigned him the task of conducting a study in depth of the unification of the Armed Services. He worked with the War Department, the Department of the Navy, other departments and agencies involved, and the Congress for two years thereafter. There finally resulted the passage of legislation in 1947 entitled "The National Security Act."

Thereafter, he served as liaison between the White House and the new Secretary of Defense.

Again in 1949, he worked with the Secretary of Defense, other departments and the Congress to obtain passage of the "National Security Act Amendments of 1949", which greatly strengthened the authority of the Secretary of Defense and changed the national military establishment into a regular executive Department of Defense.

On February 1, 1950, he resigned as Counsel to the President and established a law firm in Washington, D. C. under the firm name of Clifford and Miller.

In 1960, he served as a member of the Committee on the Defense Establishment, appointed by Senator John F. Kennedy to survey the organization, management and administration of the Defense Department. This committee was chaired by Senator Stuart Symington.

Between November, 1960 and January, 1961 he represented President-elect Kennedy in the transition period involving the take-over of the Executive Branch of Government from the Eisenhower Administration.

In May 1961, President Kennedy appointed Mr. Clifford a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. In April ¹⁹⁶³ ~~1962~~, Dr. James Killian of M.I.T. resigned as Chairman of the Board, because of ill health, and Mr Clifford was appointed Chairman by President Kennedy.

In 1965, Mr Clifford made a trip to the Far East and visited certain

In 1966, he served as an advisor to President Johnson at the

Manila Conference.

In 1967, Mr. Clifford and General Maxwell Taylor visited a number of Southeast Asian and Pacific countries as personal emissaries of President Johnson.

On January 19, 1968, President Johnson nominated him to be Secretary of Defense. On January 30, 1968, he was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. On March 1, 1968 he was sworn in as Secretary of Defense of the United States.

Mr. Clifford served as Secretary of Defense until January 20, 1969, after which he returned to the practice of law in Washington, D. C. as senior partner of the firm of Clifford, Warnke, Glass, McIlwain & Finney, with offices at 815 Connecticut Avenue.

January, 1969	Awarded Medal of Freedom with Distinction by President Lyndon B. Johnson
May, 1976	Received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.
May, 1978	Received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Loyola University, Baltimore, Maryland

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The Honorable Clark M. Clifford



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Dear Clark,

Three or four times a year we invite a distinguished guest speaker to come to Langley and address members of the entire intelligence community. The objective is to expand our horizons beyond what is encompassed in our daily work. I can think of few people who are better qualified to expand an American intelligence officer's outlook than yourself. Could I possibly prevail upon you to do this for us?

With your intimate role in the shaping of our intelligence community over the years, you could certainly put how we are organized in perspective for us. You might prefer to look ahead as to what the substantive challenges to our intelligence efforts are likely to be in the next decade. You may prefer to talk simply about the problems of the Presidents whom we are here to support and how things look from their vantage point. Whatever topic you might select, I am sure it would only benefit us.

We have in mind 3:00 p.m., on 10 October 1978, but are flexible in adjusting that if it is not convenient to you. We allow an hour-and-a-quarter for both talk and questions and answers. I'd be most grateful if you would consider this. I promise to stay quiet and not turn it into a third running of the Clifford-Turner debates!

All the best.



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1. Attached are notes for your introduction of The Hon. Clark M. Clifford as CIA Guest Speaker on Tuesday, 10 October 1978, at 3:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Attached also are copies of:

a. The Employee Bulletin announcing the lecture and containing biographic data.

b. A biography provided by Mr. Clifford.

c. Your letter of invitation and your memorandum of conversation with him.

2. Mr. Clifford's topic has been left blank on the attached notes awaiting your conversation with him.

3. We have Mr. Clifford's approval to videotape the lecture and will appreciate his wearing the lavalier mike for that purpose.

4. The lecture and question period will extend from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

5. It is understood that your office will arrange to send a car and escort for Mr. Clifford.

/s/ Jack Blake

John F. Blake