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Jovial Mr. K., Dulles Propose Spy-Pooling

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Allen W. Dulles, America's top intelligence expert, and Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, no slouch himself in the cloak-and-dagger business, have exchanged professional viewpoints.

The scene was President Eisenhower's White House dinner Tuesday night for the Russian visitor and his wife. On being introduced to Khrushchev, Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, remarked whimsically:

"You, Mr. Chairman, may have seen some of my intelligence reports from time to time."

"I believe we get the same reports," the Chairman of the U.S.S.R.'s Council of Ministers retorted quickly. He added: "And probably from the same people."

"Maybe we should pool our efforts," Dulles countered.

"Yes," Khrushchev replied,

"we should buy our intelligence data together and save money. We'd have to pay the people only once."

At another point, the Soviet Premier was discussing American civil rights with George M. Johnson, Negro member of the Civil Rights Commission. Apparently Khrushchev misunderstood part of the translation, thinking Johnson was criticizing Russia's civil freedoms.

"You have your concept of civil rights, and we have ours," Khrushchev said. "What is freedom to you may seem slavery to us, and what is freedom to us may seem slavery to you."

At that moment — this was during stand-up coffee drinking — President Eisenhower came within earshot of the conversation. He remarked, with a twinkle at Johnson:

"You'll never win that argument."