

Allen Welsh Dulles

Allen Welsh Dulles became Director of Central Intelligence on February 26, 1953. Among the principal reasons for his appointment were his extensive knowledge, both theoretical and practical, of world affairs and diplomacy; his knowledge of law, particularly international law; and his unusual breadth of experience in the field of intelligence.

After receiving the degree of A.B. from Princeton University in 1914, Mr. Dulles travelled in the Far East. He taught English in Allahabad, India, before returning to study at Princeton for his M.A., which he received in 1916. From that year until 1926, Dulles was a member of the United States Diplomatic Corps, stationed in Vienna, Bern, Berlin, Constantinople, and Washington.

In 1926 Mr. Dulles resigned from the diplomatic corps, received the degree of LL. B. from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and joined the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell in New York, of which his brother, John Foster Dulles, was a member.

In 1942, General William J. Donovan selected Allen W. Dulles for a key position in the Office of Strategic Services. From October 1942 until VE Day, Mr. Dulles was chief of OSS in Switzerland, and in this capacity was given much of the credit for the surrender of German troops in northern Italy in 1945. He remained with OSS until November 1945 as head of its German mission.

For his wartime service, Mr. Dulles received from the U.S. Government the Medal for Merit and Presidential Citation, and the Medal of Freedom. The Order of Maurizio e Lazzaro was awarded by Italy; the Legion of Honor, rank of officer, by the French government; and the Belgian Cross of Officer of the Order of Leopold by the Belgian government.

After the war, in addition to carrying on his law practice, Mr. Dulles served as a government adviser, particularly in matters having to do with foreign aid and German policy. He was also active (as he had been since the late 1920's) with the Council on Foreign Relations of which he became president in 1946. In 1948

he was appointed Chairman of a three-man committee to survey the United States intelligence system. In this capacity he gained a thorough understanding of the Central Intelligence Agency as it had developed to that time. Mr. Dulles joined the staff of CIA Director Walter Bedell Smith in the fall of 1950.

Mr. Dulles was born in Watertown, New York, April 7, 1893.

His father was Allen Macy Dulles, a Presbyterian clergyman; his mother was Edith Foster Dulles.

On October 16, 1920, Mr. Dulles and Miss Clover Todd, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Henry A. Todd of Columbia University, were married. They have a son, Allen Macy, and two daughters, Clover Todd and Joan.

Mr. Dulles' first book, The Boer War: a History, was written when he was only eight years old. Beginning in 1927, he has furnished articles for FOREIGN AFFAIRS. In 1947 he wrote Germany's Underground.

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(DCI - 26 February 1953 - 29 November 1961)

Died: 29 January 1969

Retired from Government in Washington; called out of retirement to serve on the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Warren Commission)

1964 - President Johnson sent him to Mississippi to read the racial climate after the murder of 3 civil rights workers

Author: Craft of Intelligence, 1963  
Secret Surrender, 1966

Editor: Great True Spy Stories