

Ex-Chief of CIA Allen W. Dulles Is Dead at 75

WASHINGTON (AP)—Allen W. Dulles, America's master spy who steered the Central Intelligence Agency through nine years of controversial international intrigue, died late yesterday. He was 75.

Dulles, appointed CIA chief in 1953 by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, retired to private life in 1961 following the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba—which, with an earlier U2 plane incident, was one of several controversial matters involving the intelligence agency under his command.

THE WHITE House denied at the time that the invasion fiasco, organized to a large degree by the CIA, was the reason for Dulles' retirement, saying his plans were known well in advance of that.

Since quitting government service, Dulles wrote four books, the "Craft of Intelligence," published in 1963; "The Secret Surrender," in 1966, and "Great True Spy Stories" last year.

A fourth, "Great Spy Stories from Fiction," will be released in June.

Dulles began formal spy work during World War II as a member of the Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's predecessor. Former President Harry S. Truman appointed him CIA deputy direc-



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tor in 1951 and Eisenhower named him director two years later.

FORMER President John F. Kennedy, during whose administration the Bay of Pigs occurred, retained Dulles in his \$22,000-a-year post when he took office.

Dulles later was a member of the Warren Commission that investigated Kennedy's assassination and concluded the President was killed by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of

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New Orleans, who disputes the commission's conclusion, had attempted to subpoena the former CIA chief in his investigation of an alleged conspiracy based in New Orleans to murder Kennedy.

ONE OF DULLES' last official government jobs was to survey the tense racial situation in Mississippi for former President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

Dulles, who looked more like a grandfatherly schoolmaster than the director of a global espionage network, was a brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

PRIOR TO his appointment as CIA head, Dulles served two years as deputy director.

A CIA spokesman said his death about 11 p. m. EST yesterday resulted from complications following an attack of the flu and pneumonia.

Born Allen Welsh Dulles in Watertown, N.Y., on April 7 1893, he earned his degree at Princeton University and entered the U.S. diplomatic service in 1916 as secretary of the U.S. legation in Vienna, Austria.

THE FOLLOWING year he was transferred to Bern, Switzerland and then in 1918 joined the American Commission to Negotiate Peace in Paris.

Dulles rose steadily in the diplomatic ranks but resigned in 1932 to enter private law practice in New York City. His first formal connection with intelligence work came

during World War II when he served with the Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's predecessor. For his war service, he won the U.S. Medal for Merit and the Medal of Freedom as well as awards from several other nations including France, Belgium and Italy.

Prior to his retirement eight years ago, speculation over his future had boiled up after the U2 spy plane incident of May 1, 1960. It developed the CIA sent the plane, piloted by Gary Francis Powers, on a mission over Russia, where it was shot down just 15 days before Eisenhower was to have held a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

KHRUSHCHEV broke off the meeting in a display of indignation after it was revealed there had been a whole series of spy plane flights over his country.

After the Cuban invasion disaster at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961, the CIA was accused of faulty intelligence work and there was talk of a drastic shakeup. Spokesmen for the agency denied the charges and Kennedy set up a special board headed by retired Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor to investigate the entire intelligence setup.

There were reports then Dulles might be replaced by Taylor, by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy or perhaps by Gen. James M. Gavin, then ambassador to France.

Dulles' successor eventually turned out to be John McCone. Current CIA chief is Richard Helms.