

# Dulles Defended Lying to Shield FBI and CIA

## Book Quotes Late Spy Director as Saying Practice Was Justified to Protect Agents

WASHINGTON (AP)—The late CIA Director Allen W. Dulles told the Warren Commission that the FBI and CIA directors might lie to anyone but the President to conceal identities of their undercover agents, according to recently declassified documents.

The documents are quoted in a book published Friday about the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination entitled "White-wash IV" by Harold Weisberg, a Frederick, Md., writer and investigator.

He lost a suit against the government seeking release of the Dulles documents. However, the National Archives later declassified the information and sent him copies.

As a member of the Warren Commission, Dulles, who died in 1969, took part in a discussion on Jan. 27, 1964, about whether Directors J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and John A. McCone of the CIA would answer truthfully if questioned about whether Lee Harvey Oswald had ever worked for either of their agencies.

The declassified documents included a verbatim transcript of that executive session of the commission.

"I think under any circumstances, I think Mr. Hoover would say certainly he didn't have anything to do with this fellow," said Dulles, who was no longer CIA director.

The book quotes Dulles as saying: "I would tell the President of the United States anything, yes, I am under his control. . . . I wouldn't necessarily tell anybody else, unless the President authorized me to do it."

At one point in the discussion the book quotes the late Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), saying to Dulles: "If Oswald never had assassinated the President, or at least been charged with assassinating the President and had been in the employ of the FBI and somebody had gone to the FBI, they would have denied he was an agent."

Dulles responded: "Oh, yes."

Russell then said: "They would be the first to deny it. Your agents would have done exactly the same thing."

Dulles said: "Exactly."

Hoover told the commission when he was questioned on May 14, 1964: "I can most emphatically say that at no time was he (Oswald) ever an employe of the bureau in any capacity, either as an agent or as a special employe, or as an informant."

McCone was asked by the committee's general counsel, J. Lee Rankin, whether Oswald "had any connection with the CIA, either as an informant, or indirectly as an employe or any other capacity?"

McCone replied: "I have determined to my satisfaction that he had no such connection . . ."



**REMEMBRANCE**—Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and her brother-in-law, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), place flowers at the grave of John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery. It was the 11th anniversary of President's assassination. (AP Wirephoto)

## A CHILL WIND AT ARLINGTON

# John Kennedy—11 Years Dead

From United Press International

The 11th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was marked quietly Friday in Dallas with prayers, the laying of a wreath, a eulogy by Mayor Wes Wise and sacred music at the Kennedy Memorial.

"President Kennedy championed unpopular causes but his integrity made him a popular man," Wise said before laying a wreath on the stone centerpiece in the rectangular

memorial about 400 yards from where Kennedy was shot.

"He advocated an open forum for dissent. It was a perversion of this freedom that killed him."

At the Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), and Ethel Kennedy, widow of the other slain Kennedy brother, Robert, laid flowers on the dead

President's grave and prayed for five minutes in a chill wind. Then they walked a short distance to Robert Kennedy's grave and placed flowers there also.

This year's observance attracted less attention and publicity than last year's because Nov. 22, 1973, was the 10th anniversary of the assassination. About 100 persons were present Friday in Dallas and fewer than 50 were at Arlington.