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The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:45 o'clock a.m., in Room 212, Senate Office Building, Senator Leverett Saltonstall (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senator Saltonstall (chairman), Flanders, Smith (of Maine), Hendrickson, Case, Duff, Stennis and Symington.

Chairman Saltonstall. The committee will come to order. While we do not have a quorum for executive action, we have a quorum for hearing, because Senator Stennis is constructively present, and he will be right back.

Mr. Dulles, would you be willing to sit at the end of the table? The Chair has requested Mr. Dulles, Allen W. Dulles, to appear at the start of today's regular hearings to discuss his nomination for the position as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Dulles has been serving for some time as the number two man in the agency, that is, as General Bedell Smith's deputy. He has been acting head since General Smith became Under Secretary of State.

The President has nominated him to succeed General Smith, and Mr. Dulles is before us at this time for recommendation of his confirmation to the Senate.

The Chair has interrupted the other matters before the committee because while it is not essential that Mr. Dulles' name be acted upon speedily, it is helpful because of the relation of the Central Intelligence Agency to its work in other countries and to its relations with other countries; so, Mr. Dulles, you have been in as number two man in the C.I.A. for how long a time?

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Mr. Dulles. Since August, 1951, Senator.

Chairman Saltonstall. For a year and a half?

Mr. Dulles. A year and a half, approximately.

Chairman Saltonstall. You have been during that time the organizational director of the agency, have you not?

Mr. Dulles. Well, the over-all deputy pinch-hits for the Director. He has no specific functions; he is sort of an over-all assistant to the Director, so he has relations with the entire work of the agency.

Prior to taking on the job of Deputy Director in August, 1951,

I was in the agency from the beginning of 1951 in the position of Deputy for Plans, that is, the operational section of the agency.

Chairman Saltonstall. So that actually this is a promotion based on what we hope is distinguished merit?

Mr. Dulles. I leave that to the committee, sir.

Chairman Saltonstall. Have you anything that you briefly want to tell the committee, and then the Chair will open it up to questions, because the Chair had hoped that we could, so to speak, complete our work on your nomination in a very few minutes?

Mr. Dulles. I have no statement to make, Senator, but I am open to any questions that the committee may wish to ask.

Chairman Saltonstall. Senator Flanders, have you any questions?

Senator Flanders. I do not have any questions; I have an observation to make. I have known Mr. Dulles for some time. I have been familiar with his work before I knew him personally, and I have every confidence in his ability and his particular experience for this job.

Chairman Saltonstall. Thank you, Senator Flanders; that is a very high recommendation.

Senator Symington, have you any questions?

Senator Symington. No, Mr. Chairman. I used to be on the National Security Council, and C.I.A., and I think I am right, reports to the National Security Council?

Mr. Dulles. Right.

Senator Symington. Certainly the improvement was tremendous before I left it, under General Smith and Mr. Dulles, and I think that it is a fine thing for the United States that we can get people like this to come down to the Government.

Chairman Saltonstall. Thank you, sir. That, too, is a high commendation.

Senator Smith?

Senator Smith. Mr. Chairman, I do not have any questions to ask Mr. Dulles concerning the nomination, but I do have a good many questions that I hope to have an opportunity to ask him privately about C.I.A., generally.

Chairman Saltonstall. Thank you, Senator Smith.

Senator Hendrickson?

Senator Hendrickson. I have no questions.

Chairman Saltonstall. Senator Case?

Senator Case. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions. I have known Mr. Dulles for something more than five years, and have had occasion to observe some of his activities. That knowledge, coupled with the fact of his immediate past service in this agency as the Deputy, convinces me that this is an admirable selection, and I wish him well in the duties, the additional responsibilities, he takes on, along with the duties he has had.

Chairman Saltonstall. Thank you, Senator Case.

Senator Duff?

Senator Duff. The only thing I have to say, sir, is I entertain a very high opinion of the qualifications of Mr. Dulles for this position.

Chairman Saltonstall. Thank you, Senator Duff.

Thank you very much, sir, for appearing before us.

Mr. Dulles. Thank you Mrs. Smith and gentlemen.

Chairman Saltonstall. Let the record show that Senator Cooper of Kentucky, a member of the committee, would like to be recorded as having voted favorably for the Dulles' nomination.

The Chair would state that Senator Stennis was constructively present.

Is there any objection to recommending the confirmation of Allen Dulles as Director of the C.I.A.? The Chair hears none, and his name will be reported by the committee.

(Thereupon, at 10:55 o'clock a.m., the committee adjourned to proceed to other business.)

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