

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the President, Naval War College, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the staff and students of the Naval War College on the subject, "Major United States Intelligence Problems." This presentation may be scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th, 17th, or 18th of February 1955, at your convenience.

It is suggested that the scope of the discussion touch on security problems, problems involving both overt and covert procurement of data, problems of coordination and elimination of duplication in the contributions of the armed forces, counter intelligence problems, and other problems of great interest at this time, including probable requirements for their solution. These suggestions are included only as very broad guidelines and are not intended to restrict your development of the subject in any way you prefer.

The audience for this presentation will consist of approximately 300 officers who comprise the staff and student body of the Naval War College. The majority of the group are senior naval officers of the rank of Commander or Captain. All members of the audience will be cleared for Top Secret information. In addition to the standard security precautions required by regulation, all students are enjoined to meticulously respect the privacy of the remarks of any lecturer.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation. In this event, direct communication with the President, Naval War College, is invited for the purpose of completing arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

*C. S. Thomas*

Honorable Allen Dulles  
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