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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : CIA References in The Last of the Giants
by Cyrus L. Sulzberger

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a new book entitled The Last of the Giants (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1970) by Cyrus L. Sulzberger of The New York Times. This is the second volume of his diary. The first volume, entitled A Long Row of Candles, was published last year. In his Preface he states there will be a third volume at an undetermined future date.

2. The first 87 pages of the book are more memoirs than diary, a large portion of which is devoted to his conversations with de Gaulle. The diary picks up in September 1954 where the last volume left off and carries through December 1963. As the book is over 1000 pages long and covers a multitude of subjects, conversations and personal recollections, it is naturally very difficult to review. I have therefore merely abstracted, as an attachment to this Memorandum, the many comments on CIA which appear in this book.

3. Sulzberger evidently had mixed emotions about Allen Dulles. He notes, at page 5, that some two years before it happened Mr. Dulles had told him, "The Russians are too smart to put bases in Cuba." (The full text of this particular interview with Mr. Dulles appears at pp. 678-79.) At another point, Sulzberger states that he felt remarks by Mr. Dulles at a dinner party were "indiscreet." (p. 494) In a post-election interview with President-elect Kennedy, he quotes the latter as saying he planned to keep Allen Dulles on "for a while" but then replace him, hopefully with General Maxwell Taylor. (p. 698)

4. The Chapter entitled Nasser: My Intelligence Service Would Be Angry with Me commences at page 457 and details Sulzberger's lengthy interview with Nasser on 22 March 1958. The title of the Chapter