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## The Defense of Berlin

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## BOOKS

Smith, Jean E. *The Defense of Berlin*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1963. 431p.

Mr. Smith has written a detailed account of the Berlin situation covering the period from 1945 to May 1962. The book is easily read, thoroughly documented and represents the most comprehensive review of the subject known to this reader. As such, it is an excellent research source within itself and it also contains a very complete bibliography which will be of great value to those interested in more extensive research. The author is frankly critical of the United States policy in response to Soviet and East German pressures, particularly during the post-Dulles period. In recounting the events and developments surrounding the Berlin situation, this book clearly highlights the tremendous impact that United States policies and politics have on the national and international affairs of our major allies, and the difficulties inherent in our alliance strategy. This book is highly important reading for anyone interested in Berlin specifically and in post-World War II United States foreign policy generally.

Dulles, Allen W. *The Craft of Intelligence*. New York: Harper & Row, 1963. 277p..

Mr. Dulles considers that intelligence is probably the least understood and most misrepresented of the professions. Calling upon the knowledge he has acquired as diplomat, lawyer, and intelligence officer, and from 11 years with the Central Intelligence Agency, the author relates all that can properly be told about intelligence as a vital element of the structure of our government in this modern age. Tracing intelligence efforts from the 5th century B.C. to the present, with emphasis on United States intelligence efforts, Mr. Dulles introduces the reader to some obscure spies and espionage organizers, as well as some of the famous ones. He leads us through many of the fascinating intelligence events of World War II, and presents his views on most of the recent roles played by the intelligence community in the Bay of Pigs, the U-2, and the Cuban missile crises. The author compares and evaluates United States and Soviet intelligence techniques, agents, collection, and deception. He considers communist intelligence to be our main opponent. Mr. Dulles has some concrete proposals for dealing with the problems associated with security in a free society. He believes that it is essential to our future that intelligence continue to function and fulfill a vital role in an era of continuing danger.