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dent from getting too closely involved with anything that was unpleasant and of this nature.

is an imponderable which runs through all of this, whether it is Lumumba or Castro. And you won't be able in the Castro area, or particularly in this area, to run it down, because the people aren't here anymore. But the person who really made that decision for the CIA was Allen Dulles.

Mr. Baron. So from your knowledge of Allen Dulles it is conceivable that he would have taken Presidential language such as, get rid of Lumumba, and translate it into an

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Mr. Dawson. I guess I was asking for your expert opinion on the command and control structure as to what adequate, implicit authorization would have been?

Mr. Dillon. I think that Allen Dulles would have been quite responsive to what he considered implicit authorization, because he felt very strongly that we should not involve the President directly in things of this nature. And he was perfectly willing to take the responsibility personally that maybe some of his successors wouldn't have been. And so I think that this is a perfectly plausible thing, knowing Allen Dulles.

Mr. Dawson. And you were aware that that was the way the system worked at that time?

Mr. Dillon. It was the way he worked; because he had a very strong feeling of protecting the Presi-