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2. He believes the participants included the Secretary of Defense because Dillon's recollection is firm on the fact that the meeting took place in the office of the Secretary of Defense. Dillon did not remember whether Allen Dulles attended the meeting, but he said "top CIA people were present." Dillon said Richard Bissell was probably present. Dillon does not recall a man named Robert Johnson, nor does he recall whether such a man was present at the meeting, but he said that we might be able to refresh his recollection by giving him more background on Robert Johnson. (I did not mention on the phone the nature of Robert Johnson's testimony before the Committee; I simply asked if Johnson was present at the meeting.)

3. The mention of the subject of assassinating Lumumba was made in the general context, Dillon said, of Lumumba's visit to the United States, which had "convinced us that Lumumba was psychopathic, not in a well-balanced mental state. After his visit we wondered whether there was any way of changing the scenery in the Congo." Dillon said the subject was raised in the general context of "eliminating Lumumba's," but the discussion did not proceed as far as mentioning means to be used.

4. Dillon said that the response of the "CIA representative" was "not necessarily a moral objection to assassination but was more in the sense of indicating that the CIA did not have that type of capacity." Dillon did not recall who the CIA representative was who made the remark.