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bility for, primary responsibility.

next week if I have your permission, sir. He wouldn't have done that. Because where I particularly remember this, or get the feeling particularly strong, is dating back to something that Senator Hart mentioned, the U-2 incident. Allen Dulles' strong desire was to take the whole responsibility for that, and resign, and be fired in disgrace, publicly, in order to protect the President. But the President totally refused to accept any such way of handling it.

Mr. Baron. From your knowledge of Special Group meetings and minutes, it is your reading of this sentence that "it was finally agreed that planning for the Congo would not necessarily rule out consideration of any particular kind of activity which might contribute to getting rid of Lumumba"

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Mr. Baron. So that says something not only about the character of Allen Dulles, but the character of the President?

Mr. Dillon. Of both, yes.

Mr. Baron. That the President would be interested in taking responsibility for the orders that he had given?

Mr. Dillon. Yes. He was very strong that way. And Mr. Dulles was so strong in wanting to protect the President that he was willing to go out in disgrace, public disgrace after ten years or more of service to the Government, just to protect the President, although there was nothing that he had responsi-