



# *Dwight D. Eisenhower Library*

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP: *Eisenhower's Cold War Aerial Intelligence Program***

The Eisenhower Library, in conjunction with the Kansas State University Institute of Military History and Twentieth Century Studies, will host officers from McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas, on December 5, 2003, for a lesson in leadership by studying President Eisenhower's management of the United States' "spies in the sky" program. The officers will tour the museum, conduct a research exercise in historical documents, and listen to lectures on leadership. The public is invited to attend the keynote lecture, "Eisenhower on Leadership," presented by Dr. Jack Holl, Director of the Kansas State Institute for Military History and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Studies. Dr. Holl's lecture will be given in the Library courtyard at 9:10 a.m. Reservations are not necessary.

"Dwight D. Eisenhower's most significant accomplishment as President may have been "keeping the Cold War cold," stated James Leyerzapf, one of the senior archivists at the Eisenhower Library who, along with senior archivist David Haight, will be working with the military group. "Intelligence operations that accurately assessed the Soviet Union's strategic threat were vital to maintaining a peaceful world during his administration. Photographic as well as electronic information derived from overhead and peripheral reconnaissance flights of the Soviet Union not only provided strategic targets for U.S. forces, but also proved that the Soviet long-range bomber and intercontinental ballistic missile arsenals were inferior to those of the United States."

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library is one of ten Presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. The Kansas State University Institute for Military History and Twentieth Century Studies is a national center devoted to the historical study of issues concerning national security, international affairs and government institutions. Partners with Kansas State in this endeavor are the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

