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Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

November 23, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am requesting information or records on Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell. She was born Oct. 26, 1922 in Memphis, TN and died Feb. 20, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. Her Social Security number was [REDACTED] Her last known address was 4406 Holland Ave. in Dallas. Her obituary was published in The Dallas Morning News from Feb. 23 to Feb. 24, 2004. A copy of this obituary is attached.

Specifically, I am requesting information or records indicating whether Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell had ever been a CIA employee or had any other type of affiliation with the CIA. This would include standard personnel or contractor files and agreements with Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell.

I am also requesting information or records of communications between Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell and the CIA, including but not limited to records requests that Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell made to the CIA. Please search the CIA FOIA logs for requests made by Ferrell between and Jan. 1, 1963 and Feb. 20, 2004.

I am also requesting information or records of any reports or other documents generated by the CIA about Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell.

Please notify me first if the processing fee exceeds \$50. If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you believe justifies your refusal to release the information I am requesting and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under law.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

I can be reached by phone in Mazatlan, Mexico, at 669 916-7899.
Sincerely,

John Kirsch

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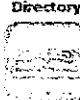
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Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell

Obituary

FERRELL, MARY ELIZABETH McHUGHES, died peacefully at her home in Dallas, Texas, on Friday evening, February 20, 2004 at age 81, surrounded by family and friends. Mary had struggled for years with her typically dogged determination against a variety of health problems, supported by her devoted and loving family and many friends. However, she never lost her interest in the world and the people around her. Her intelligence, wit and lively personality will be remembered by the many people who knew and loved her. Born in Memphis, Tennessee on October 26, 1922, she married Hubert Afton "Buck" Ferrell on June 18, 1940. Together, they had four children. Mary and Buck moved to Dallas with their family in 1957 where she worked more than thirty years as a legal secretary for a law firm and also in the Governor's office in Austin. Mary was a woman of rare ability who is regarded internationally as one of the most knowledgeable and respected historical researchers of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In 1963, she was working in downtown Dallas, when on November 22, John Kennedy was assassinated. Mary began a lifelong inquiry that brought her into contact with researchers, authors, law enforcement, the United States Congress, and people from all over the world. She developed and continually updated a database of the vast array of information which she had accumulated, with her last entries made in December of 2003. Mary also created a four-volume set of chronologies, covering all aspects of the assassination with annotations in extraordinary detail. Her archives, which gained worldwide attention, were donated in 2001 to the Mary Ferrell Foundation base in Boston, Massachusetts. Mary is survived by her daughter, Carol Anne Burtchael, two sons, William Franklin Ferrell and James Lee Ferrell, one sister, Shirley Ann Boldt, three grandchildren, Karen Sue Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Lynch and Dawn Elizabeth Ferrell and five great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-eight years, Hubert Afton Ferrell, her son, Lawrence Afton Ferrell, her grandson, David Lawrence Haggard, her brother, John Breckenridge McHughes, and a sister, Effie McHughes Campbell. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. with services in the Chapel Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 P.M. at Sparkman/Hillcrest in Dallas, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to Sisters of the Poor Clares, 1310 Dellwood, Memphis, Tennessee 38127. Dignity Memorial Sparkman Hillcrest 7405 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas (214) 363-5401

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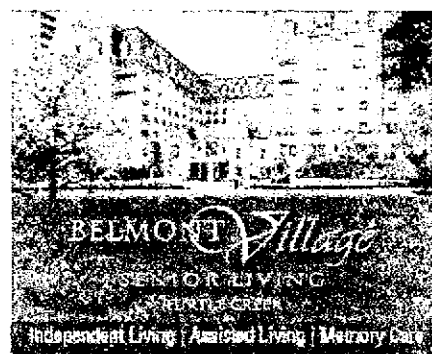
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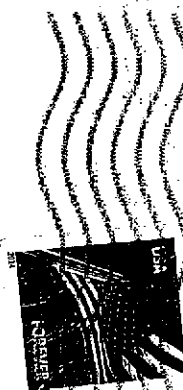


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