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John T. Hughes Dies at 64; Briefed U.S. on Cuban Missiles

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John T. Hughes, 64, an expert in photographic intelligence who briefed the nation by television and radio about the removal of Soviet missiles from Cuba in 1962, died of a cerebral hemorrhage Oct. 27 at Fairfax Hospital.

Mr. Hughes retired in 1984 as deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, where for 23 years he reported to top officials of the nation about Soviet military concentrations.

He was legendary in defense circles for his annual briefings, classified at a level above top secret, showing hundreds of overhead photographs of every military installation in the Soviet Union. Over the years, the Defense Department used his interpretations to counter suggestions that the Soviets were cutting weapons programs and to show their continued involvement in areas such as Central America.

In October 1962, as the special assistant to the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Mr. Hughes examined a collection of photographs taken from a U-2 spy plane and concluded the Soviets were placing nuclear missiles in Cuba.

Five months later, at the request of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, he went on television and radio to explain how the crisis had come to pass and how it was resolved. He used his reconnaissance photographs to point out where Soviet arms and ships had been removed.

A native of Trenton, N.J., Mr. Hughes was a graduate of New Jersey State Teachers College. He received a master's degree in geog-

young executives in the federal service.

Mr. Hughes was a member of the Association of American Geographers, Kappa Delta Pi national education honorary and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Annandale. He was president of the PTA at Brad-dock Elementary School in Annandale.

Survivors include his wife, Paula J. Hughes of Annandale; four children, John T. Hughes of Blacksburg, Va., Michael J. Hughes and James B. Hughes, both of Reston, and Christopher P. Hughes of Herndon; a brother, James J. Hughes of Redbank, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

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He served in the Army as a photo interpreter assigned to the Army Photographic Intelligence Center in the mid-1950s and retired from the Reserve as a captain in 1964.

At the Defense Intelligence Agency, Mr. Hughes was deputy director for collection and surveillance operations and deputy director for intelligence and external affairs.

Mr. Hughes was given the president's award for distinguished federal civilian service, the National Security Medal, two Defense Department Distinguished Civilian Service Awards and the Arthur S. Fleming Award for outstanding