

Montgomery Court Expected To Name Buckley As Executor

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ROCKVILLE — Last
December 8, a woman dressed
for travelling and carrying a
large, important handbag,
boarded a United Air Lines plane
bound for Chicago.

The engines began to roar.
Take off was normal. Once

airbourne, the passengers
unfastened their seatbelts and
stretched out for the hour-long
ride.

Many lit cigarettes. Some read
the newspapers, oblivious to the
fact that they themselves would
make tomorrow's headlines.
Shortly before the jetliner was
due to land, something suddenly
went wrong.

Almost before the startled
passengers realized what was
happening, the giant plane began
to hurtle toward death below. The
woman with the handbag went
down with all the others in the
earth-shattering crash.

Word was passed quickly to her
four children, and to her
husband, who was already
involved in the greatest crisis in
his life. In the midst of a great
American scandal, she was
buried almost without notice
from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic
Church in Potomac.

According to courthouse
records, her entire estate was
valued at a little over \$20,000.
When her pocketbook was
recovered, authorities found 100
brand new \$100 bills. Why?
Where and from whom did the
money come? What had she
planned to do with it when she
reached Chicago with another
\$585 in cash tucked away in
various denominations in the
same handbag?

Estate records also show,
among her belongings, a "water
and mildew soaked" red check
book, a small pin with the words
"Junior Bowman," one "wide
yellow metal wedding ring with
four rows of stones, a charm
bracelet, and another ring with
the initials "DLH", which
identified her as Dorothy L. Hunt,
wife of E. Howard Hunt, who
pleaded guilty in the Watergate
break-in case.

Recently, the noted author and
editor William F. Buckley Jr.,
applied to Circuit Court Judge
Ralph G. Shure to be appointed
executor of Mrs. Hunt's estate.
Buckley, a close friend of the
family, was named in that
capacity in Mrs. Hunt's last will
and testament dated August 3,
1967.

Only one technicality remains
before the court grants Buckley's
request. Maryland law requires
an in-state resident to sign such a
request, which is expected to be
handled soon by a lawyer with the
local firm of Hogan & Hartson,
Hunt's attorneys. The law also
forbids a convicted felon from
acting as executor of an estate,
which explains the fact that
Buckley entered into the case.
Mrs. Hunt's will left everything
to her husband, or in the event of
his death, to her four children,
David, 9, St. John, 18, Keven, 20
and Lisa, who is over 21,
according to court records.

She named Hunt as executor in
the first instance, but the case
was referred to Judge Shure after
Hunt pleaded guilty to
conspiracy, burglary and
wiretapping charges in
connection with Watergate.

Included in Mrs. Hunt's estate
records are copies of the criminal
docket, which also lists James W.
McCord, of 7 Winder Ct.,
Rockville, and George Gordon
Liddy.