

# 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.