

MR. JOHN T. HUGHES
US Department of Defense Civilian, Retired (Deceased)



Mr. Hughes' distinguished service record spans from July 1951 when he entered government service as a Military Intelligence Research Specialist for the US Army Map Service to his retirement in December 1984 as Deputy Director for Intelligence and External Affairs, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Throughout the intervening period, Mr. Hughes served in numerous highly sensitive intelligence positions in which he was called upon to advise the highest levels of the National Command Authority.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963, he provided critically important intelligence assessments to the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff and personally briefed the President and Congress on the Soviet activities. The intelligence provided by Mr. Hughes contributed significantly

toward a desirable resolution of the crisis.

Because of his demonstrated competence as an intelligence professional, he continued to advance to positions of key responsibility. In 1970, he was promoted to GS-17 and became Chief of Special Activities, DIA. From late 1970 to 1979, Mr. Hughes assumed duties as the Deputy Director for Collection and Surveillance, DIA, during which time he received the Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service—his second Department of Defense (DoD) Distinguished Civilian Service Award—and promotion to GS-18. He was also awarded the Secretary of Defense's Outstanding Public Service Award during this period.

Upon his retirement in 1984, he received the National Security Medal from President Ronald Reagan at a White House ceremony.

Mr. Hughes was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989. He passed away in October 1992.