

MRS. DOROTHE K. MATLACK
Department of the Army Civilian, Retired (Deceased)



Mrs. Matlack's distinguished 27-year career culminated in her assignment as Special Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence (ACSI), Department of the Army. A pioneer and champion of the Army's Human Intelligence (HUMINT) efforts, she entered government service in 1948. Before attaining the position of Special Assistant, she served the ACSI successively as Section, Branch and Division Chief and as Deputy Director of Operations for Collection.

Personally responsible for many of the Army's HUMINT programs in effect throughout the 20th century, Mrs. Matlack played an especially instrumental role in establishing Department of Defense procedures for debriefing defectors, escapes, and refugees of intelligence interest. In 1956, she

organized and directed the debriefing of 37,000 Hungarian refugees entering the US and, in 1962, she sparked joint agency efforts that resulted in the refugee debriefings that first located Soviet missiles in Cuba. In the 1960s, she also played a key role in establishing a variety of overt and sensitive HUMINT programs in the Republic of Vietnam.

Mrs. Matlack received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award on 1 June 1972 for her exceptional contributions in the intelligence collection field. She retired from Federal Service with the Department of the Army in 1975.

In 1987, Mrs. Matlack was named a Distinguished Member of the MI Corps, thereby becoming a member of the MI Hall of Fame. She served proudly as an ambassador for the MI Corps, participating as a guest lecturer and nominating several other MI professionals for consideration to the MI Hall of Fame. She passed away in 1991 at the age of 85. In 2010, the HUMINT Training Joint Center of Excellence at Fort Huachuca honored Mrs. Matlack when it named its new headquarters and training facility Matlack Hall.



Dorothe Matlack receiving her induction certificate into the MI Hall of Fame



The dedication of Matlack Hall, Fort Huachuca, 2010