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Widow Seeking Pension in CIA Drug-Death Case

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The widow of Dr. Frank Olson, a Maryland biochemist who jumped to his death in 1953 after unknowingly taking LSD in a CIA experiment, is seeking a government pension she forfeited for a \$75,000 monetary award.

Alice Olson and her three children are trying to regain the pension under bills sponsored in both houses of Congress by Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., and Rep. Goodloe Byron, R-Md.

In 1976 the family forfeited the pension in exchange for an authorized \$75,000 monetary award.

Bob Atkinson, an aide to Byron, said the pension was "inadvertantly" dropped in the 1976 agreement. He said the pension could be worth more than the award.

But he said it was not clear how much the monthly pension would be.

Olson surrendered her husband's pension to seek the monetary award after learning 22 years after his death that he had unknowingly taken LSD given him by a CIA agent.

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