

Man Who Died in Fall Said to Be CIA Agent

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BONN, Sept. 19—A 41-year-old American who fell to his death from a 14th floor apartment in Munich yesterday was working for the Central Intelligence Agency, according to informed sources.

Though officially listed as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, the dead man, Robert Wood, was in fact working for the CIA at the time of his death and was assigned to the Office of the Coordinator and Adviser at the U.S. Consulate in Munich, the sources said.

Wood, from Baltimore, apparently fell from the balcony of an apartment that was rented to another American known as Paul Alanto.

Alanto, the sources said, is a civilian employee of the U.S. Army.

Married and the father of three children, Wood lived in another part of Munich.

According to news service reports from Munich, West German police investigators said that Wood probably committed suicide. An autopsy reportedly showed that he died from the impact of the fall and was not drugged or attacked first.

The circumstances behind the death remain somewhat mysterious.

One source said Wood had appeared to be very depressed recently. Another suggested that CIA agents, because of

the strains and secrecy to their lives, probably have a higher suicide rate than other occupations.

Reuter news agency reported from Munich that the front door of the apartment had been locked and that police found the key in the dead man's pocket, tending to the suicide theory. The manager of the building, however, was quoted as saying that all residents were provided with two keys so that another person could have locked the door.

Reuter also reported that the telephone operator at the apartments said a man with a strong Slavic accent telephoned an hour before the fall and asked to speak to Wood. Since his name was not on the resident list, she told the caller she did not know him.