

# Corpse Found Floating Is Former CIA Official

Baltimore

Authorities said yesterday that a body dragged from Chesapeake Bay, belted with divers' weights, was that of a former high-ranking CIA official. Police

said he had been shot in the head.

The body of John Paisley of Washington was identified through dental charts by the state medical examiner. It had

been found Sunday by pleasure boaters.

Paisley's death could have been suicide or murder, according to Bill Clark of the state police.

Police and the medical examiner said Paisley, 55, died of a .38-caliber bullet fired against his head, behind the left ear.

They said that 40 pounds of diving weights were strapped around his waist and that the body had been in the water at least one week.

Edward Paisley, 21, said his father was in good spirits the day he left on a sailboat trip across the bay, and he said he doubts it was suicide.

Today's Baltimore Sun quoted police sources as saying a live shell was found in the cabin of Paisley's boat.

Friends told the Sun that Paisley was despondent because he and his wife had separated. But his wife said her husband was "in a fine frame of mind" and had "started a new life."

"I don't know of any reason why he would kill himself," Paisley said. "He seemed in good spirits. Everyone that talked to him that day said he was fine."

Paisley retired in 1974 after serving as deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research. For the past six months, he had been a consultant to an accounting firm.

A CIA spokesman refused to



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**JOHN PAISLEY  
Shot in the head**

comment on the case beyond saying, "We are not involved in the investigation in any way but we will cooperate if asked."

Paisley was last seen alive September 24 while sailing his motorized sailboat on the bay.

Clark said, "He talked to some friends on a ham radio that night (September 24), saying he would be in after dark. The next day his boat was found abandoned and aground near Point Lookout."

Paisley's body was found floating in the bay near the mouth of the Patuxent river, said Chief William Patterson of the Coast Guard.

Patterson said the diving weights were heavy enough to take a body down and keep it submerged until it bloated.

When found, Paisley's body was dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, Patterson said. His hands were gloved.

Dr. G.J. Weems, chief medical examiner for Calvert county where the body was found, said he thought it was "unusual" that the body was weighted down with a scuba diver's belt because the victim's clothes were not those normally worn while diving.

The younger Paisley said his father did not own a gun and he knew of no reason why someone would want to kill his father.

Paisley's estranged wife, Mary Ann, said her husband was an excellent swimmer, scuba diver and sailor who had once spent years living aboard his boat.

The boat was found with its shortwave radio on and the steering mechanism unlocked. Mrs. Paisley said her husband never adjusted the sails on his sloop without first locking the steering mechanism into position.

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## U.S. Agent Identifies Accused Soviet Spy

Newark

An amateur American counter-espionage agent made a dramatic courtroom identification yesterday of an accused Russian spy as the man he saw lurking in the neighborhood of three message drops last fall and winter.

Stepping down from the witness stand in federal court here, Lieutenant Commander Arthur Edward Lindberg walked to the defense table and pointed at Rudolf Chernyayev, a 43-year-old clerk in the personnel office of the United Nations.

"This is the man I saw," Lindberg said.

Chernyayev, a Soviet citizen who has been working for the United Nations since 1974, did not change expression, but his cheeks reddened a bit. He met Lindberg's eyes with a steady gaze.

It was the first time Chernyayev or his co-defendant, Valdik Enger, 39, also a U.N. employee, had been linked to a spy ring that federal prosecutors said was uncovered after a nine-month investigation that began in the summer of 1977.

There still has been no direct evidence connecting the two and Soviet diplomat Vladimir Zinyakin to the spy ring. Zinyakin was named as a conspirator, but was not indicted. Because of his diplomatic status, he was allowed to leave the country.

Lindberg testified that on March 11 this year he had gone to a service area on the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey to await a telephone contact from spies he had never seen but had talked with on numerous occasions.

While searching for the telephone booth where he was to receive his call, Lindberg said, he saw Chernyayev sitting in another telephone booth. The naval officer, who was working with the FBI and the Navy Investigative Service, said he was about two feet from the Russian. "He was seated," Lindberg said. "I saw his full face and the upper portion of his body.

"I had seen him on two prior occasions on October 22," Lindberg said. He said Chernyayev had been driving a blue Dodge with New York license plates, 762-XLT, and was leaving from the same service area as Lindberg was arriving to take a phone call from a spy he knew only as "Jim."

Lindberg said he saw Chernyayev later that same day, October 22, near a train station when he went there in response to directions from "Jim," to pick up \$2000 left for him in a garbage pile and to leave information furnished by the FBI to be given to the spies.

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