

..... Death came to the bachelor Hoover sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning at his home where he lived with a housekeeper on the edge of Rock Creek part [in Washington]. His body was found by a maid, Annie Fields, at about 9:30 a.m. on the floor near his bed.

..... Dr. James L. Luke, coroner for the District of Columbia, attributed the death to "hypertensive cardiovascular disease," an ailment associated with high blood pressure. A heart attack might have been the direct cause, he said. He added that an autopsy was not indicated, because death was due to natural cause.

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Washington (AP) - The precise cause of J. Edgar Hoover's death will not be determined, the District of Columbia coroner indicated Tuesday.

Dr. James L. Luke said the certificate of death for the late director of the FBI reads "hypertensive cardiovascular disease," or disease of the cardiovascular system caused by high blood pressure.

Luke was asked if, beyond the general cause of death, the immediate cause could have been a coronary thrombosis, or heart attack.

He said that was possible, but that it could not be determined without an autopsy. He said, however, that since there was no question but that death was due to natural cause, an autopsy was not indicated. Hoover was 77.

Luke refused to comment on Hoover's medical history.