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The Secret Service identified the dead agent as J. Chifford Dietrich, 25, of Woodbridge. Yra. who had sorved as an agent for more than three vears. He is survived by his wife Janet, and two children. The Dade county, Ma, medicalexamner said Dietrich drowned:
The Army helicopter that arashed had undergone its periodic maintenance overham within the past year. Warren said. After a certain number of hours of flying, the helicopters ara taken apart, rebuilt and flight-tested before being put into service again.
The President and Mes Nixon, Jutie and David Fi. senhower, and Tricia and Edward Cox returned safely to Key Biscayne yesterday afternoon via another hellcopter. The President later worked in his study, talked whith staff members by tele phone and met with press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler. the White House announced.
The presidential family is
expected to stay in Florida until late afternoon or eve ning today, Memorial Day.

