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Ex-Nixon Aide's Wife Found Dead

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The body of Grace Garment, wife of a onetime counsel to former President Nixon, was found in the bathtub of a drab hotel room December 7 and lay unclaimed for seven weeks, police said yesterday. The medical examiner said she had committed suicide.

Leonard Garment identified the body of his 49-year-old wife yesterday at a city morgue where it had been taken after her death. Police said she had carried no identification.

Mrs. Garment, a writer for the daytime soap opera "Edge of Night," was last seen Dec. 3, 1976, at Pennsylvania Station in New York, shortly before a scheduled psychiatric appointment for treatment of depression.

"She took her life December 3 at the Hotel Essex in Boston upon arrival from New York," said Dr. George W. Curtis, the medical examiner.

Her husband is now a U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

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