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U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

January 27, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1353000-000  
Subject: PAISLEY, JOHN ARTHUR

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 291 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.


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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosures

As a result of your FOIA request, a new search was conducted and 6 pages of responsive material were found. Upon review, it was determined that these six pages were duplicates of documents found in the preprocessed material.

Records, which may be responsive to your FOIA request, were destroyed on July 13, 1962, and October 30, 1978. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

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- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
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- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: Commander  
Troop "E"  
Maryland State Police  
610 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

LOCAL & STATE

October 11, 1978

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

81006013 S RB

Re: Attention: Trooper First Class

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YOUR NO.

JOHN PAISLEY;  
DEATH INVESTIGATION

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Telephonic request October 6, 1978, from  
Trooper First Class  
Instrumental Analyses

Examination requested:

**Specimens:**

Q1 Gunshot residue lift from right hand of JOHN PAISLEY

Q2 Gunshot residue lift from left hand of JOHN PAISLEY

- Russell S. Fisher, M.D. (MD-004015M)  
Office of The Chief Medical Examiner  
111 Penn Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

RAA:ksl\*

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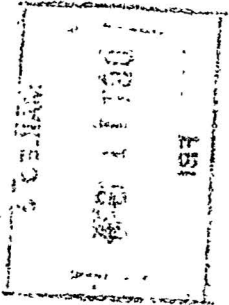
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Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were obtained by  
Special Agent [redacted] of the FBI Laboratory.

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Specimens Q1 and Q2 were analyzed by instrumental means for the elements antimony and barium, which are components of most primer mixtures and can be deposited on the back of the thumb, forefinger and connecting web area of the hand when a firearm is discharged.

No significant amounts of antimony and barium were detected on specimen Q1 or Q2. Therefore, it could not be determined if PAISLEY had discharged a firearm. However, this does not preclude the possibility that PAISLEY could have discharged a firearm and no gunshot residues were deposited on the hand, or that these residues, if deposited on the hand, were removed by washing or wiping before the specimens were obtained.

It is pointed out that it is highly unlikely that any antimony and barium associated with the discharge of a firearm would remain on the hand of a person who has been submerged in water.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were consumed during the course of the examination.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Commander  
Troop "E"  
Maryland State Police  
610 Taylor Ave  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Attn: Trooper First Class

Re: JOHN PAISLEY;  
DEATH INVESTIGATION

FBI FILE NO.

95-33965-1  
LAB. NO. 81006013 S RB

YOUR NO. ~~MD-004015M~~

Examination by:

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Examination requested by:

Reference:

Examination requested:

Specimens received:

~~Maryland State Police~~  
~~Address~~ addressee  
Telephonic request Oct 6, 1978, from Trooper First Class  
~~Letter dated October 2, 1978~~

Instrumental Analyses

October 6, 1978

Specimens:

- Q1 Gunshot residue lift from right hand of JOHN PAISLEY  
Q2 Gunshot residue lift from left hand of JOHN PAISLEY

copy:

Russell S. Fisher, M.D.

MD-004015M

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
111 Penn Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Hands cut at wrist minus fingers and thumbs - examined visually, no observable gunpowder particles - lifts obtained first from web area, then swabs - hands appear relatively clean but coated with clear viscous substance. No wrinkles in hands, smooth, very little hair.

RAA



CASE #:

DATE: 10/10/78

CONTRIBUTOR:

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EVIDENCE SUBMITTED: DABBINGS TAKEN FROM LEFT HAND (III)  
AND RIGHT HAND (II.2) OF SUBJECT (BACK OF HAND).

REQUEST: IS CSR PRESENT?

RESULTS:

KV: 30

LEFT HAND DAB EXAMINED AT 300x MANUALLY, ~~AND~~ THE FOLLOWING  
PARTICLES WERE FOUND

a)	CONTAINING	Fe	- 34	- 3 spheroids
b)	"	Pb	- 24	- 3 spheroids - 1 having crystalline appearance
c)	"	Sb	- 7	
d)	"	Fe, Pb	- 3	
e)	OTHER		22	

RIGHT HAND DAB EXAMINED (PARTIALLY -  $\frac{1}{3}$ )

a)	CONTAINING	Fe	- 21
b)	"	Pb	- 11
c)	"	Sb	- 2
d)	"	Fe, Sb	- 1
e)	OTHER		5

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RETURN DATE: 10/11/78

# LEFT HAND

Fe									34
SB									7
PB									24
Fe, PB									3

OTHER									22
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3 yellow PB

3 yellow Fe

1 Pb particle which had crystalline appearance.

□ - major constituent

300x

DOES IT LOOK  
LIKE SSR

Ti, Al, Na

Fe, Ni, Al, Co, Cr, Si, S, Al, Na

Fe (PB) Al

(SB) Al, S, Si, Mg, Na

(PB)

Ti

Fe

(PB)

(PB) Al

Al, S, Fe, Na

(SB)

Sn, Al, Zn, S, Na

Ti, Fe

(PB) Al

(SB)

Ag, Au, S, Al

Fe, S

(La, Nd, ?)

Fe

Al (PB) Na

Fe

(PB) Al Na

(PB) Al

(SB)

Fe, S

(PB) K, Ca

SPHERE 0.8μ

1.5μ

see photo ~ 20μ

N

(Y)

N

N

N

N

N

(Y)

N

zinc

2u

Cl, Pb

3  $\mu$

?

Fe, Zn, Cl

20  $\mu$

Pb

plank 15  $\mu$

Ca, S, Cl

Pb, Cl

N

Pb, Cl, Na

N

Fe

Pb, Cl

Pb, Cl

N

Pb, Cl

N

Fe

Fe

15  $\mu$

Fe, Cu, Cl

Zn, S, Cl

N

Fe, Cl, Al, Si, Mg, Na

Fe, S

$\phi$  2  $\mu$

Y

Pb, Fe, Cl, Si

Ti

Pb, Fe, Cl, Zn

?

Fe

Fe

Fe, Cl

Fe, Cl

Pb

1  $\mu$   $\phi$

Y

SB

2 $\mu$

?

Fe, Ti

Fe,  $\text{Al}$

$\phi$  2 $\mu$

Y

SB

0.3 $\mu$

N

Fe, S,  $\text{Al}$

Pb,  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}$

Fe,  $\text{Al}$ , Si,  $\text{Al}$ , Mg

Fe,  $\text{Al}$ , Ni

PB

4 $\mu$

N

Pb see figure (figure north)

Fe

SB

1 $\mu$

N

Fe, S

Fe,  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}$ , Si,  $\text{Al}$ , Mg, Ni

Pb

Fe

Fe, Pb,  $\text{Al}$

Pb

Fe, Si,  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}$

PB

1 $\mu$

Fe

Fe, Zn, Si,  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}$

Ag,  $\text{Al}$ ,  $\text{Al}$

PB

$\phi$  1 $\mu$

(Y)

PB

R.H

Sb

N

Fe

N

Fe

Pb, Cu, Cl

Fe, Cu, Cl

Pb

N

Fe

Pb, Cu, Cl

Fe, Cl

Pb

Pb, Cu, Cl, K

Sb, Cl

Fe, Cl

Pb

Cl, (Fe), (Sb) Ti

Fe

Zn

Zn

Fe, Cl

Fe

Pb, Cu

K, Fe, Cl, Al, Si

Ag

Fe

Fe

Pb,

# RIGHT HAND

Fe III III III III 1 21

Pb III III 1 11

Sf II 2

Fe Sb 1 1

Other III 5

Fe, Cu, Zn, Ti, Q

Fe, S, Q

Fe, Ti, Cu

Cu, Zn

Fe



Fe

Pb

Fe

Fe, S

Fe

Fe

Fe, Zn

Fe, Zn

Fe

Cu

Pb, Cu, Al, Cu

Fe

Ti

Fe

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EXPERIMENT 1 11OCT78 1413.54

81006012 RB

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Q1

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1014:00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	11OCT78 1204.15	TYPE	9.9MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20.000
ELAPSED TIME	153 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20OCT78 1017.49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS	GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A = 2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B = 10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25	
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00	

282	75	82	77	84	60	74	98
289	91	79	81	87	97	87	90
296	74	88	81	102	71	95	103
303	74	102	92	97	84	90	81
310	72	79	74	104	91	105	97
317	81	79	99	93	96	95	85
324	76	86	92	101	92	105	118
331	126	120	93	84	85	105	92
338	97	85	89	96	86	120	112
345	95	96	92	99	113	103	96
352	95	117	112	118	97	106	93
359	112	104	104	98	108	77	102
366	98	95	103	99	88	90	95
373	111	110	122	82	91	86	99

MICROGRAMS BARIUM

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% RSD COUNTING 35.1

CNTS/UG BARIUM/MIN 2198  
CENTROID CHANNEL 331  
HALF-LIFE BA-139 83 MIN.  
BACKGROUND SPACING 20  
BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
CONSTANTS:  
E=2.7183  
LN2= 69315

ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS UNIT FBI LAB WASHINGTON, DC

EXPERIMENT 1 12OCT78 1046:41

81006017 RB

BA/SB

01

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1014.00	LOCATION	RT3 CM
ACQUISITION TIME	12OCT78 0912 11	TYPE	9.9MM
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20 000
ELAPSED TIME	151 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1037.49	FEV/CH	0.439
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00		

1079	3	3	0	0	5	4	3
1086	6	3	1	4	5	3	4
1093	3	4	1	2	0	4	2
1100	4	5	2	2	2	7	14
1107	14	22	35	17	22	9	2
1114	1	3	4	4	3	7	2
1121	4	6	6	2	16	27	54
1128	54	53	22	19	9	8	0
1135	1	1	2	3	0	2	1
1142	5	3	0	3	2	2	3
1149	1	2	5	2	5	2	2
1156	0	2	4	4	2	5	2
1163	5	1	1	3	5	3	2
1170	3	2	1	1	1	4	3

MICROGRAMS ANTIMONY . 148

% PSD COUNTING 6.9

CNTS./UG ANTIMONY/MIN 815  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 1128  
 HALF-LIFE SB-122 4032 MIN.  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 20  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS  
 E=2.7183  
 LN2=.69315

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EXPERIMENT 1 11OCT78 1415.05

81006010 RB

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02

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1014.00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	11OCT78 1207.01	TYPE	9.9MW
PRESET TIME	200 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20 000
ELAPSED TIME	202 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	200 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1037.49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10 000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80 00		

282	45	28	49	41	46	31	39
289	40	43	34	48	40	37	41
296	40	40	56	32	43	43	39
303	44	41	43	34	38	14	47
310	39	42	34	45	46	36	41
317	48	54	59	55	52	41	31
324	39	37	46	45	59	65	92
331	99	89	72	39	43	47	49
339	23	45	32	36	35	44	37
345	42	38	32	40	37	47	40
352	38	29	31	38	31	29	40
359	45	39	40	44	36	40	36
366	37	39	35	32	39	33	40
373	45	28	36	35	44	37	38

MICROGRAMS BARIUM

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% RSD COUNTING 11.3

CNTS./UG BARIUM/MIN 2198  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 331  
 HALF-LIFE BA-133 83 MIN.  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 20  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS:  
 E=2.7183  
 LN2=.69315

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EXPERIMENT 1 120CT78 1047:42

81006013 RB

BA/SB

02

SAMPLE TIME	110CT78 1014 00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	120CT78 0915 46	TYPE	9.9MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20.000
ELAPSED TIME	150 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1007 49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00		

1079	5	1	3	6	1	4	4
1086	4	4	2	2	2	4	4
1093	3	3	4	2	2	4	2
1100	3	4	4	9	6	6	16
1107	27	46	40	39	21	10	2
1114	4	1	4	6	6	10	5
1121	6	0	1	1	6	5	14
1128	22	16	17	4	4	2	4
1135	2	3	4	1	5	5	2
1142	4	5	1	7	6	4	0
1149	2	7	6	2	5	6	4
1156	1	3	3	4	4	4	1
1163	2	5	5	5	6	4	3
1170	6	4	3	4	4	5	2

MICROGRAMS ANTIMONY . 039

% RSD COUNTING 16.2

CNTS/UG ANTIMONY/MIN 815  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 1128  
 HALF-LIFE SB-122 4032 MIN  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 30  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS  
 E=2.7182  
 LN2= 69315



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EXPERIMENT 1 11OCT78 1449:38

STD2

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1014.00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	11OCT78 1345 32	TYPE	9 3MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20.000
ELAPSED TIME	150 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1037.49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00		

282	12	12	18	10	8	12	10
289	17	13	13	10	5	13	10
296	15	9	4	4	11	11	10
303	6	10	7	9	7	10	11
310	11	7	8	11	9	2	12
317	7	8	16	15	9	9	12
324	10	11	7	8	33	90	245
331	244	282	163	45	12	5	5
338	4	2	4	6	7	4	3
345	5	9	9	1	4	8	3
352	7	3	5	4	2	2	10
359	7	6	7	3	6	5	7
366	3	1	6	4	6	6	8
373	8	2	2	2	4	3	5

MICROGRAMS BARIUM 1.163

% PSD COUNTING 3.1

CNTS/UG BARIUM/MIN 2198  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 331  
 HALF-LIFE BA-129 83 MIN  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 20  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS  
 E=2.7183  
 LN2= 69315

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EXPERIMENT 1 11OCT78 1448:26

STD1

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1011.00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	11OCT78 1342.49	TYPE	9.9MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20 000
ELAPSED TIME	150 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1037.49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00		

282	4	7	10	13	8	11	8
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MICROGRAMS BARIUM 1.112

% RESD COUNTING 2.2

CNTS/UG BARIUM/MIN. 2198  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 331  
 HALF-LIFE BA-139 83 MIN.  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 20  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS.  
 E=2.7183  
 LN2=.69315

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EXPERIMENT 1 12OCT78 1117 06

STD1

SAMPLE TIME	11OCT78 1011:00	LOCATION	RT3 2M
ACQUISITION TIME	12OCT78 1033.22	TYPE	9 9MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20 000
ELAPSED TIME	150 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	2OCT78 1037.49	KEV/CH	0 499
		OFFSET	0 477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS	GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A = 2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B = 10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)		80.00

1079	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
1086	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
1093	0	3	1	0	0	1	0
1100	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
1107	0	1	2	1	0	0	2
1114	2	0	0	1	2	1	0
1121	1	2	2	4	6	21	42
1128	45	44	25	10	1	1	1
1135	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1142	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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1156	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1160	0	1	0	0	2	0	1
1170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MICROGRAMS ANTIMONY . 121

% RSD COUNTING 7.2

CNTS/UG ANTIMONY/MIN. 815  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 1128  
 HALF-LIFE SB-122 4032 MIN  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 30  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS.  
 E=2.7180  
 LN2=.69315



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EXPERIMENT 1 120CT78 1130-52

STD2

SAMPLE TIME	110CT78 1014.00	LOCATION	RT3 3M
ACQUISITION TIME	120CT78 1036 18	TYPE	9.9MW
PRESET TIME	150 SEC	GEOMETRY	1/4 IN 20.000
ELAPSED TIME	150 SEC	VOLUME	0.000
LIVE TIME	150 SEC	DETECTOR	GELI-15

CALIBRATION DATE	20CT78 1007-49	KEV/CH	0.499
		OFFSET	0.477

		NORMALIZATION CONSTANTS		GAMMA	
FWHM	5	A =	2.000	SLOPE	0.500 E-3
SENSITIVITY	16	B =	10.000	OFFSET	4.500
LIBRARY NUMBER	1	ENERGY TOLERANCE	1.25		
HALF-LIFE RATIO	8	ABUNDANCE LIMIT (%)	80.00		

1080	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
1087	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1094	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1101	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1108	0	1	0	0	1	3	2
1115	0	2	0	0	1	3	1
1122	4	1	2	6	16	21	57
1129	46	25	6	7	0	0	1
1136	0	1	1	1	1	2	0
1143	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
1150	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
1157	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1164	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
1171	0	0	0	1	1	1	0

MICROGRAMS ANTIMONY . 111

% RSD COUNTING 7.5

CNTS./UG ANTIMONY./MIN. 815  
 CENTROID CHANNEL 1129  
 HALF-LIFE SB-122 4032 MIN  
 BACKGROUND SPACING 30  
 BACKGROUND CHANNELS 10  
 CONSTANTS  
 E=2.7183  
 LN2= 69315

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Medical Examiner

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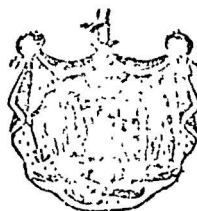
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call for TFC  
MSP, Annapolis re doing  
GSR on hands of victim.  
open case on this letter  
10/6/78

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call [redacted]  
MSP, am going to do  
GSR on hands of Victim  
upon case in this letter.  
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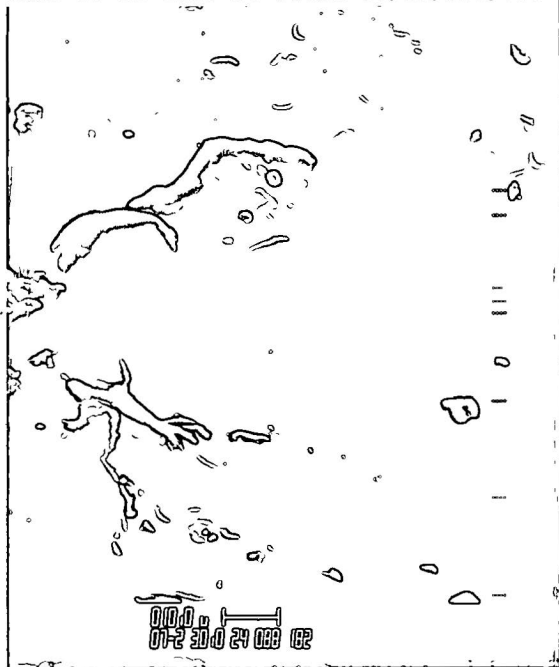
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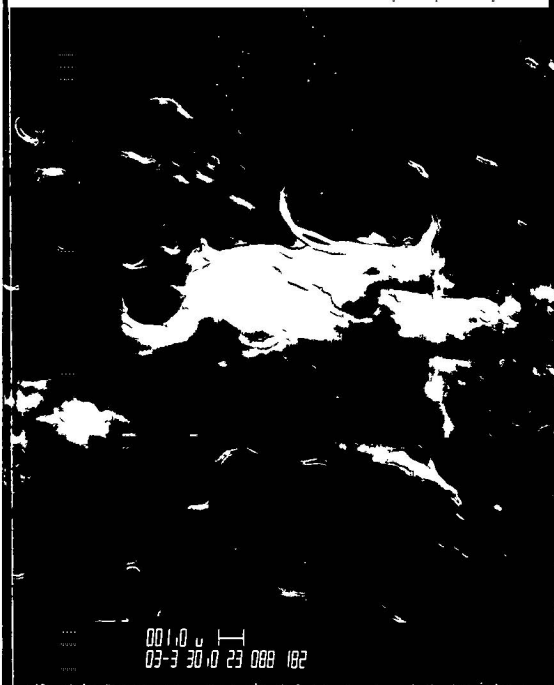
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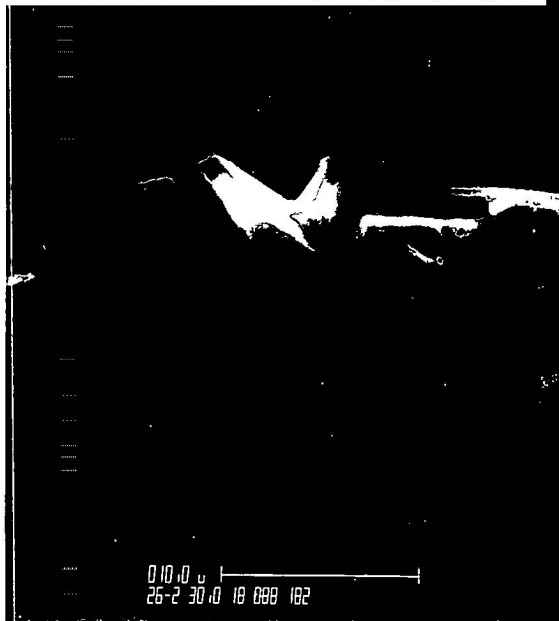
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FBI  
RUSSELL S. FISHER





Dr. Russell S. Fisher

October 10, 1978

Should you desire the assistance of one of the FBI's fingerprint experts in the trial of this case, we should be notified in ample time to permit the necessary arrangements. This report should be used; however, if legal considerations permit, in lieu of the appearance of our expert in any pretrial action such as a preliminary hearing or grand jury presentation. Our representative cannot be made available to testify if any other fingerprint expert is to present testimony on the same point, that is, that the impressions in question are identical.

As requested, the specimens are being held in the Latent Fingerprint Section until called for by a member of the Maryland State Police.

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[Redacted]

Maryland State Police

Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/2/78 2:54 p.m. bcg

Reference No:

FBI File No: 95-230865-3  
32-57

Latent Case No: B-66399

Answer to: Dr. Russell S. Fisher, Chief Medical Examiner, Department  
of Post Mortem Examiners, 111 Penn Street, Baltimore, Maryland  
21201

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: [redacted] Maryland State Police of Prince Frederick, b6  
Maryland 20678 b7C

RE: UNKNOWN DECEASED;  
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS  
JOHN PAISLEY ARTHUR  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
BODY FOUND FLOATING IN  
CHESAPEAKE BAY, MARYLAND  
ON OCTOBER 1, 1978

Date of reference communication: Letter October 2, 1978. Specimens personally  
Specimens: delivered by: [redacted] b6  
Maryland State Police. 10/10/78 b7C

2 hands

[redacted]  
Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]  
Evidence noted by [redacted]

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- 10-3-78 *cel*

Fingers removed from hands +  
pts obtained by inking fingers  
+ applying to w/r lifting tape  
Lifting tape - photo

W/C to Crim for John Arthur Paisley  
One Civil pt for Paisley purged 1-29-57  
Fpts from fingers classified - photo

Telephoning  
Advised  
Md. State Police  
results of exam  
10/6/78 *cel*  
1-29-57

Am 10-10-78  
KCC:ym  
FBI/DOJ

Examination completed 4:00 PM 10/5/78 *cel*Dictated 10/6/78 *cel*

1cc WFO (199-287) (P)

1cc [redacted] (199-29)

- 10-4-78 cev

Pts for fingers - Techs for search

- 10-6-78 cev

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Pts for fingers & fpts on Personal  
Identification card bearing the name  
Jack Arthur Paisley, born August 25, 1923  
in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Fpts forwarded  
to FBI by Phoenix Union High School,  
Phoenix, Arizona and received by  
FBI, Ident Dir on July 10, 1940. Verified &  
[redacted]

Nearest relative listed on fpt card of  
Paisley [redacted] b6  
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[redacted] Arizona

Hands being held in LSPS until called for  
by a representative of the Maryland State  
Police

- 1-16-79 cev

Photos of fpt card of Jack Arthur Paisley prepared  
+ forwarded to Tech section for additional search  
in card files

- 1-18-79 cev

Fpts provided obtained for fingers & fpts US Navy Personal  
Identification fpt card dated 12/16/41 bearing name  
Jack Arthur Paisley born 8/25/23 and US Coast Guard  
Personal Identification card dated 9/29/50 bearing name  
John A. Paisley born 8/25/23  
FBI # 6 541 606 assigned these pts all is verified &

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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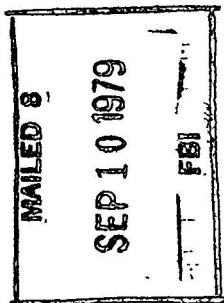
**Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Esq.**  
**Suite 203**  
**2101 L Street, Northwest**  
**Washington, D. C. 20037**

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 13, 1979, in which you requested, as attorney for the family of John Paisley, copies of fingerprints known to be those of Mr. Paisley and fingerprints taken from a recovered body which was subsequently identified through fingerprint comparison as being that of John Arthur Paisley.

Enclosed are photographic copies of the following sets of fingerprints of Mr. Paisley which represent all those on record at the FBI, all of which were used for identification purposes in this matter:

- (1) Personal Identification fingerprint card for Jack Arthur Paisley, received by the FBI Identification Division on July 10, 1940, and submitted by the Phoenix Union High School, Phoenix, Arizona.
- (2) Personal Identification fingerprint card for Jack Arthur Paisley, dated December 16, 1941, and submitted by the United States Navy.
- (3) Personal Identification fingerprint card for John A. Paisley, dated September 29, 1950, and submitted by the United States Coast Guard.



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Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adm. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Crim. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_  
Plan. & Insp. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Attn: Mr. T. H. Bresson, Rm. 6996, TL #314-route thru for review)  
Mr. Cregar (Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm. 4238, TL #242-route thru for review)  
Public Affairs Office, Rm. 7222, TL #245 (SEE NOTE 1 PAGE 2)  
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Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Esq.

- (4) Fingerprint card dated October 3, 1978, prepared by the FBI Identification Division from the hands of an "Unknown Deceased" body, which hands were furnished to the FBI by the Maryland State Police.

The fingerprints taken from the hands of the recovered body were compared with those on record at the FBI for Mr. Paisley, resulting in the identification of the hands as belonging to John Arthur Paisley.

No charge is being made for this service.

Sincerely yours,



Nick F. Stames  
Assistant Director  
Identification Division

**Enclosures (4)**

NOTE: Mr. Fensterwald is known through reports in the news media and by previous contacts with the FOIPA Branch of the Records Management Division (RMD) to be the attorney for the Paisley family. Although it is not the general policy or practice of the Identification Division to disseminate copies of fingerprints for noncriminal justice purposes, this request is being honored for several reasons. First, the request does not involve fingerprints taken in connection with a criminal justice matter and, therefore, the laws and regulations governing the dissemination of criminal history information are not applicable. Second, the requester evidently wants the fingerprints in order to make an independent determination regarding the accuracy of the FBI's identification of Paisley's body. Since the fingerprints in the possession of the FBI are the only means by which such a determination can be made, fairness and reason require that we make them available to the requester. Third, Section Chief Thomas H. Bresson, Disclosure Section, FOIPA Branch, RMD, has advised that there are no provisions of either the Freedom of Information or Privacy Acts which prohibit or exempt such a dissemination. Finally, Unit Chief [redacted] Intelligence Division, has advised that there is no ongoing investigation in this matter.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : Assistant Director  
Records Management Division

DATE: 4/25/80

FROM : Legal Counsel *Jam*

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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF SENATOR BIRCH BAYH,  
 CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
 INTELLIGENCE, UNITED STATES SENATE  
 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING JOHN PAISLEY  
 (DECEASED), FORMER CIA AGENT,  
 PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
 ACT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of a request by the Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), for information regarding John Paisley pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DETAILS:

On 4/22/80, [redacted] Counsel, SSCI, telephonically contacted SA [redacted], Legal Liaison/Congressional Affairs Unit (LL/CAU) [redacted] inquired as to whether a release pursuant to the FOIA had been made to members of the news media regarding John Paisley. SA [redacted] thereafter, on 4/23/80, contacted SA [redacted], Disclosure Section, Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch. SA [redacted] advised that on 4/14/80, a release had been made to the News Journal Company of Wilmington, Delaware, and to the editor of the Little Patuxent Review. *95-230865-*

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On 4/23/80, SA [redacted] telephonically advised [redacted] that information had been released to the news media. [redacted] then requested that all materials concerning Mr. Paisley, which had been released by the FBI pursuant to the FOIA, be forwarded to the Committee. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that the request should be put in writing and forwarded to the FBI. At 5:00 p.m., 4/23/80, a letter bearing the signature of Senator Bayh, which requested this material, was furnished to the LL/CAU (copy attached).

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ENCLOSURE  
 Enclosure

1 - [redacted] (Enc.) b6  
 2 - [redacted] (Enc.) b7C  
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On 4/24/80, a copy of Senator Bayh's letter was  
furnished to SA [ ] who advised that his Unit would  
immediately begin processing the request of the SSCI.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Records Management Division process  
Senator Bayh's request and forward appropriate documents to  
the LL/CAU along with a letter of transmittal to Senator Bayh  
with a copy for the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department  
of Justice.

*eth* *act/pjz*

APPROVED: <i>W4</i>	Adm. Serv. _____	Legal Coun. <i>[Signature]</i>
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 23, 1980

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO N# 2736

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director, FBI  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Webster:

I would appreciate your providing us with copies  
of all materials concerning the John Paisley matter  
which have been released by the FBI under the Freedom  
of Information Act.

Sincerely,

*Birch Bayh*  
Birch Bayh  
Chairman

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (INTD CI-1C) b1  
FROM : SAC, NEWARK [REDACTED] (P) (C-9)  
SUBJECT: JOHN PAISLEY  
[REDACTED]

This ~~entire~~ communication is classified "~~SECRET~~". Referral/Consult

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to search its indices and establish if captioned subject's death was positively verified. If not, provide a summary of the case and the most recent photographs available.

On [REDACTED] (protect), [REDACTED] advised that she was watching either the television program 60 MINUTES or 20/20, which mentioned the subject, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who supposedly died mysteriously in approximately 1978. There seems to have been some disagreement about the identity of the body which was discovered.

[REDACTED] advised the following: [REDACTED]

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JOHN PAISLEY

He is the same age and height as the subject. He maintains an apartment at [redacted] except for a telephone which call forwards to his [redacted] address. He also maintains an apartment at [redacted] which he does not use. [redacted]

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[redacted] will transfer OO to NYO if it is determined that this case has any investigative merit.

[redacted] is identified as follows:

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Employment:

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TO FBI NEWARK

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CITE: //0514//

SUBJECT: JOHN PAISLEY (DECEASED); [REDACTED] 00: NEWARK. b1

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

REFERENCE NEWARK AIRTEL TO FBIHQ DATED JUNE 19, 1989.

 NEWARK IS ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF INDICES REGARDING  
 CAPTIONED SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH  
 AUGUST 24, 1923, SAND SPRINGS, TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, WAS

Referral/Consult

PAISLEY DISAPPEARED ON

 SEPTEMBER 25, 1978, WHEN HE WENT SAILING HIS YACHT "BRILLIG" IN  
 THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, MARYLAND. ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1978, PERSONNEL  
 FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD STATION AT ST. INDIGOES, MARYLAND,

APPROVED BY

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RESPONDED TO REPORT OF A CRAFT RUN AGROUND AT POINT LOOKOUT,  
MARYLAND. U.S. COAST GUARD IDENTIFIED THE CRAFT AS THE  
"BRILLIG," BUT PAISLEY WAS NOT ABOARD THE SHIP. AN EXTENSIVE  
SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ON OCTOBER 1, 1978, AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS RECOVERED  
FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY NEAR POINT LOOKOUT, MARYLAND, AND WAS  
TAKEN TO BALTIMORE CITY MORGUE FOR AUTOPSY. MARYLAND STATE  
POLICE IDENTIFICATION UNIT IDENTIFIED THE BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY  
AS THAT OF JOHN A. PAISLEY THROUGH COMPARISON OF PAISLEY'S  
DENTAL RECORDS TO THE TEETH OF THE RECOVERED BODY. LATER  
IDENTIFICATION OF PAISLEY'S FINGERPRINTS WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE  
FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE, CITY OF  
BALTIMORE LISTED THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF JOHN A. PAISLEY AS A  
RESULT OF A PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE  
HEAD BEHIND THE LEFT EAR {FIRED AT CLOSE RANGE}. MANNER OF  
SUBJECTS DEATH UNDETERMINED.

PAISLEY WAS KNOWN TO BE AMBIDEXTROUS, BUT PERFORMED MOST  
TASKS LEFT HANDED.

IT IS THEREFORE DOUBTFUL THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTED AS

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[ ] IS IDENTIFIABLE TO JOHN A. PAISLEY. FBIHQ INDICES  
20 NEGATIVE AS TO REFERENCES TO [ ]. NEWARK SHOULD b6  
10 ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE VERACITY OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY b7C  
INITIATING SOURCE.

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RE: JOHN PAISLEY

NOTE: This communication sets forth conclusive information which identified the body recovered on October 1, 1978, from the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, as that of JOHN A. PAISLEY, [redacted] Referral/Consult

(S) [redacted] Newark communication of June 19, 1989, requested  
(S) verification of JOHN A. PAISLEY's death based upon source  
reporting of individual bearing likeness to PAISLEY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (INTD CI-1C)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK [REDACTED]

(C) (C-9)

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SUBJECT: JOHN PAISLEY (DECEASED);  
[REDACTED]This ~~entire~~ communication is classified "~~SECRET~~".

Re Bureau teletype to Newark dated 9/8/89; Newark  
airtel to the Director dated 6/19/89, both titled as above.

Referenced Bureau teletype confirmed that the subject  
definitely died in 1978 and therefore could not be identical with  
[REDACTED] as claimed by [REDACTED] in referenced Newark  
airtel.

Logical investigation concluded; this matter is  
considered closed.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore

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DATE: 9/21/78

FROM : J. C. Ingram

1 - Mr. Boynton

1 - Mr. Moore

1 - Mr. Ingram

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Raupach

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR, NEW YORK;

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PURPOSE: To advise of the receipt of information regarding captioned subject [REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_

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A search of Bureau indices, New York indices, and Washington Field indices contained no record concerning the captioned subject or the organization he allegedly represents. Bureau files did contain a few references to "Muslim Council" in New York during 1956 and 1957. This group had considerable influence over the Moslems in the U.S. in relationship to a pro-Egyptian attitude at that time. It could not be established whether this group is identical with the alleged group the subject represents.

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Memorandum to Mr. Moore

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Washington Field is making arrangements to interview  on 9/22/78 and this matter will be coordinated  In addition,  receives additional information, they will promptly furnish it to the Washington Field Office.

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Unit Chief Andrew J. Duffin was contacted and he has no pending investigation concerning the subject or organization.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Referral/Consult

[REDACTED]

WFO, after contacting [REDACTED] and determining that no further calls were received, closed this matter. Attached from WFO indicates that on 9/29/78 [REDACTED] of the Washington Star, [REDACTED] (phonetic) at 8 a.m. received a call from subject [REDACTED] stating he had kidnaped a CIA Agent named "John Taysle" (phonetic). At 10 a.m. [REDACTED] receiving a second call from the subject stating that "John Paisley" CIA Agent had been seized by their commando units in the Chesapeake Bay area. Allegedly subject indicated Paisley was valuable to them for identification of Zionist Agents in other countries. Other demands made were the release of all Muslim prisoners, a demand of one million dollars, and that Henry Kissinger be turned over to them. It is pointed out that "The Washington Post" on Friday, 9/29/78, reflected an article concerning the disappearance of John A. Paisley and that he was lost off his sloop somewhere in the Chesapeake Bay. Further the article indicated he was separated from his wife. It is to be noted that "The Washington Star" representatives did not receive any calls concerning this until after the article regarding Paisley's disappearance appeared. The Intelligence Division has been in contact with CIA, which agency furnished information concerning John A. Paisley and details concerning his disappearance. WFO is not conducting an active kidnaping investigation inasmuch as evidence available does not support a legitimate kidnaping.

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SA K. M. Raupach was personally acquainted with Paisley as a result of their mutual interest in amateur radio. Both made numerous contacts when Paisley was on an extended sailing voyage to Florida during the early part of 1978. Several messages of personal nature were relayed by SA Raupach from Paisley to his wife even though they were estranged at that time. [It should be noted that information reported by the U. S. Coast Guard indicated it appeared unusual that there were four radios on board Paisley's sloop which was named Brillig.] u Paisley used this radio equipment for amateur radio contacts and other radio equipment was strictly for Marine radio purposes. Paisley's amateur radio call was K4BM. [To date information available indicates U. S. Coast Guard is considering this a "man overboard" situation.] u

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Cregar

KMR:bvm

*USCG info in brackets is releasable  
per USCG ltr 5/5/80  
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ATTENTION DIVISION SIX, KIDNAPING DESK

CHANGED: [REDACTED] MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;

ALLEGED VICTIM JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE KIDNAPING [REDACTED]

(C) TITLED MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT POSSIBLE VICTIM AND  
ADD CLASSIFICATION. PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED]  
MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK; [REDACTED]

(C) RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE, SEPTEMBER 26, 1978, AND  
(C) TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH FBIHQ, DIVISION SIX, SEPTEMBER-29, 1978.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, [REDACTED]  
OF THE "WASHINGTON STAR", THE EVENING NEWSPAPER, ADVISED  
THAT SHORTLY AFTER 8:00 A.M., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC) RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ABOVE  
CAPTIONED SUBJECT, STATING THAT THEY HAD KIDNAPED A [REDACTED]

TELETYPED TO:

*Nv*  
61 OCT 24 1978

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT, STATED THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS

OF THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK. HE DEMANDED  
RELEASE OF ALL MUSLIM PRISONERS. HE DEMANDED A MILLION DOLLARS  
IN CASH. HE DEMANDED THAT HENRY KISSINGER BE TURNED OVER  
TO THEM. HE ADDED THAT THE SPECIFIC TIME AND DATE WILL BE  
CALLED IN LATER.

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HE ADDED THAT HE WANTED THIS ACTION TO BE PUBLISHED AND  
WIDELY CIRCULATED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS WAS NO JOKE, IT WAS  
NOT A GAME, AND THAT IT AFFECTED THE FATE OF "ISLAM."

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[REDACTED] ADDED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL SEEMED TO  
SPEAK IN AN EDUCATED VOICE WITH AN ACCENT HE COULD NOT  
PLACE. THE ACCENT WAS NOT NORTH AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, OR

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COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS ANY OTHER SPECIFIC AREA OF THE WORLD.

(C) ADMINISTRATIVE:

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IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE "WASHINGTON POST" FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, PAGE B1, REFLECTED AN ARTICLE CONCERNING PAISLEY AND HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AND THAT HE WAS LOST OFF HIS SLOOP SOMEWHERE IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. THE ARTICLE ADVISED THAT PAISLEY WAS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, SPECIAL AGENT

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(C) UACB, WASHINGTON FIELD AND RECEIVING FIELD OFFICES  
WILL UTILIZE PHRASE "NO COMMENTS" IF ANY PRESS INQUIRIES  
ARE MADE.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL BE WILLING TO COOPERATE FURTHER WITH THE FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CONCERNING WORKING WITH THE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY IN PLACING A TRAP ON HIS LINE AND TAPE  
RECORDING FUTURE CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECT IF THE NEED ARISES.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD  
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE FBI IN THE EVENT OF ANY FURTHER  
PERTINENT INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

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WASHINGTON FIELD IS NOT CONDUCTING AN ACTIVE KIDNAPING INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME INASMUCH AS EVIDENCE AVAILABLE DOES NOT SUPPORT A LEGITIMATE KIDNAPING. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT MADE TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING KIDNAPING DEMANDS ONLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, ON PAISLEY'S DISAPPEARANCE. PAISLEY IN FACT DISAPPEARED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AND WAS LAST SEEN BY ASSOCIATES SAILING ACROSS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1978. CALLS FROM SUBJECT CONTAINED NO INFORMATION REGARDING PAISLEY OTHER THAN WHAT WAS IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, NOTIFIED. OFFICE OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WILL ALSO BE CONTACTED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. W. O. Gregar

1 - [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/3/78

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TO : Mr. W. O. Gregar *wry/ep*

FROM : E. C. Peterson *ecp/rae*

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] MUSLIM COUNCIL  
OF WAR OF NEW YORK; ALLEGED VICTIM  
JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE  
KIDNAPPING.

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## PURPOSE:

To provide additional information concerning the  
mysterious disappearance of [REDACTED]

## ACTION:

None. For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. O. Gregar  
Re: [redacted] Muslim Council  
of War of New York; Alleged victim  
John A. Paisley; Possible Kidnapping

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DETAILS CONTINUED:

Information furnished to FBIHQ on 9/29/78 from Naval Investigative Service Headquarters (NISHQ) disclosed that two vessels, neither of which were Soviet, may have been in the Bay area on the evening in question. (u)

Both vessels, the "Francis Zubrzycki" and "General Stanislaw Poplawski" are part of the Polish merchant fleet. (u)

NISHQ further advised that contact with USCG confirms that the former vessel was in all likelihood the vessel [redacted] alleged to be a Soviet vessel was in fact the "Francis Zubrzycki." (u)

*NIS info in (details) last 3 para is releasable  
Per NIS ltr. 4/15/86 SP2TAP/5RM-DLC*

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This concerns the disappearance of John A. Paisley, former Deputy Director of Strategic Research of the CIA, who disappeared from his sloop on the Chesapeake Bay on 9/24/78. Attached from Baltimore advises that [redacted] Maryland State Police, indicated that the body located in the Chesapeake Bay east of Solomons Island on 10/1/78 has been identified as that of Paisley through dental records. The coroner's autopsy report will reveal that death was caused by a gunshot wound to the left side of the head, approximately two inches above the ear; however, manner of death, suicide or homicide, is undetermined. It is the pathologist's belief that death was probably suicide based on the theory that Paisley had been in a mental depression in recent weeks due to the separation from his wife. The projectile fired in Paisley's skull was in two fragments and appeared to be a steel-jacketed projectile. State Police located a nine millimeter live round on his boat and two additional rounds at his residence. Further, it was determined Paisley owned an automatic either of .32 caliber or nine millimeter. No weapon has been recovered and it is believed to be in the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland State Police are not conducting the investigation as a homicide and after all logical investigation has been completed they will close the case. The family is arranging for the release of his body. Baltimore is maintaining liaison with Maryland State Police and the Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Cregar

(Attn: E. C. Peterson)

1 - [redacted]

(Attn: [redacted])

MR;bvm

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ATTENTION: DIVISION 6, KIDNAPPING DESK.

MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK; ALLEGED

VICTIM JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL TO ASAC, BALTIMORE, OCTOBER 3, 1978.

ON OCTOBER 3, 1978, APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M.,

MARYLAND STATE POLICE, PRINCE. 123

FREDERICK BARRACKS, CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ADVISED

THAT THE BODY LOCATED IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY EAST OF

SOLOMONS ISLAND ON OCTOBER 1, 1978, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED

AS THAT OF JOHN A. PAISLEY THROUGH DENTAL RECORDS

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[REDACTED] STATED THE CORONER'S OFFICE AUTOPSY REPORT WILL REVEAL DEATH WAS CAUSED BY A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HEAD APPROXIMATELY TWO INCHES ABOVE THE EAR, HOWEVER, MANNER OF DEATH, I.E., SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE IS UNDETERMINED. [REDACTED] STATED

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[REDACTED] IS OF BELIEF THAT DEATH WAS PROBABLY A SUICIDE, HOWEVER, HIS OFFICIAL REPORT WILL INDICATE MANNER OF DEATH AS UNDETERMINED. REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] BELIEF IN THE SUICIDE THEORY IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION BY MARYLAND STATE POLICE HAS DETERMINED PAISLEY HAD BEEN IN A MENTAL DEPRESSION IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, WAS COMING OUT OF THIS DEPRESSION POSSIBLY BROUGHT ON BY THE SEPARATION FROM HIS WIFE. FURTHER, THE PROJECTILE FOUND IN THE SKULL OF THE BODY APPEARED TO BE A STEEL JACKETED PROJECTILE WHICH WAS IN TWO FRAGMENTS. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY MARYLAND STATE POLICE IN PAISLEY'S SAILBOAT LOCATED A NINE MILLIMETER STEEL JACKETED LIVE ROUND AND ADDITIONALLY TWO NINE MILLIMETER STEEL JACKETED ROUNDS WERE LOCATED IN PAISLEY'S RESIDENCE.

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FURTHER INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED PAISLEY WAS THE OWNER OF AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON EITHER OF .32 CALIBER OR NINE MILLIMETER CALIBER. MARYLAND STATE POLICE CURRENTLY EXAMINING BULLET FRAGMENTS FOUND IN THE SKULL OF PAISLEY WITH LIVE ROUNDS FOUND IN THE BOAT AND HIS APARTMENT FOR COMPARISON. REPORTEDLY, PAISLEY WAS AMBIDEXTROUS, HOWEVER, PERFORMED MOST TASKS LEFT HANDED EXCEPT FOR WRITING. NO WEAPON HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND IS BELIEVED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. OTHER MARKS AND PUNCTURE WOUNDS TO THE BODY WERE NOT RELATED TO THE DEATH. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS OFFICE WAS NOT CONDUCTING THIS INVESTIGATION AS A HOMICIDE AND AFTER ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WILL CLOSE THIS CASE.

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THE FAMILY OF PAISLEY HAS HIRED AN ATTORNEY AND IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH MARYLAND STATE POLICE AND THE CORONER'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, RE THE RELEASE OF THE BODY.

ON OCTOBER 3, 1978, FORMER [REDACTED] A SOURCE OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED THE BALTIMORE DIVISION THAT PAISLEY, UNTIL THE RECENT FEW WEEKS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ABOVE

INFORMATION WAS DISSEMINATED TO MARYLAND STATE POLICE,  
PRINCE FREDERICK BARRACKS, CALVERT COUNTY, THIS DATE.  
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE BALTIMORE FORMER  
SOURCE HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST,  
THIS SOURCE WAS CLOSED DUE TO "EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY"  
NOT RELATED TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

BALTIMORE DIVISION WILL MAINTAIN LIASON WITH MARYLAND STATE  
POLICE CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF  
PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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You have been previously advised of the disappearance of John A. Paisley, former Deputy Director of Strategic Research of the CIA, currently affiliated with CIA in a consultant capacity.

Paisley was reportedly sailing in the Chesapeake Bay area on 9/24/78, alone, aboard his own boat. He was expected to return to port the same evening; however, when he did not return, the U.S. Coast Guard conducted a search, locating his abandoned vessel aground on the morning of 9/25/78.

The attached WFO teletype reports information received from the St. Mary's County Police, Maryland, that a Washington, D.C., resident, while sailing east of Solomon's Island in Chesapeake Bay, located the body of an unknown male in the Bay. The body was wearing two lead-weighted diving belts, jeans, a tee shirt, and tennis shoes. There was no identification on the body.

At the request of the Maryland State Police, the FBI Identification Division is attempting to identify the fingerprints of the deceased victim as possibly identical to the missing Paisley. The hands have been removed from the body and submitted to the FBI for examination.

You will be kept advised of pertinent information.

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

1 - Mr. J.B. Adams

1 - [redacted] Jr

1 - Mr. W.O. Cramer

Attn: [redacted]

1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ROUTINE

ATTN: DIVISION/SIX, KIDNAPING DESK

FBI BALTIMORE ROUTINE (INFO)

FBI NEW YORK ROUTINE (INFO) (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;

ALLEGED VICTIM JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING;

INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 29, 1978.

(C) ON OCTOBER 2, 1978, INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM

ST. MARY'S COUNTY POLICE, MARYLAND, THAT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), OWNER OF THE

, HAD LOCATED A BODY AT 4:30 P.M. ON

OCTOBER 1, 1978, EAST OF SOLOMON'S ISLAND IN THE CHESAPEAKE

BAY. THIS BODY, AN UNKNOWN MALE, APPROXIMATELY 5' 10" TALL,

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WAS WEARING TWO LEAD WEIGHTED DIVING BELTS, JEANS, T-SHIRT  
AND TENNIS SHOES. NO IDENTIFYING DATA WAS ON THE BODY.

[REDACTED] MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORONER'S  
OFFICE, REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODY; AND  
IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN PAISLEY'S DISAPPEARANCE AND  
UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HANDS WERE REMOVED BY CORONER'S OFFICE  
AND SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ LABORATORY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE WOULD VOLUNTARILY  
OBTAIN DENTAL RECORDS FOR [REDACTED] JOHN A. PAISLEY,  
AND RELEASE THEM TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE.

CORONER'S OFFICE REQUESTED THE COLOR OF HAIR AND  
WHETHER OR NOT MR. PAISLEY WAS LEFT OR RIGHT HANDED.

[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED TO TURN THIS INFORMATION OVER TO  
THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION  
OF THE BODY.

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RE TELEPHONIC CONTACT BETWEEN BA, WFO AND FBIHQ  
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(C) [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PAISLEY'S

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HIS DATE OF BIRTH WAS AUGUST 25, 1923. PAISLEY'S FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION ALSO CARRIED THE LETTERS PS DIRECTLY ABOVE NUMERAL 16.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM MARYLAND STATE CORONER'S OFFICE IS THAT THERE WAS A BULLET HOLE ABOVE ONE OF THE EARS, POSSIBLY REFLECTING SUICIDE. AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 2, 1978, NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE.

WASHINGTON FIELD ADVISED CIA AND [REDACTED] THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER FOR THE FBI.

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MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;

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ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, FBIHQ WAS CONTACTED BY THE

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FOR THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. [REDACTED] LISTED NO SPECIFIC DEMANDS AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CALL BACK.

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CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON STAR NEWSPAPER OFFICIALS REFLECTED THAT [REDACTED] NEVER CALLED BACK. WASHINGTON STAR OFFICIALS ADVISED THAT THE CALL WAS RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THREE MAJOR NETWORKS CARRIED NEWS OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT ACCORDS.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WASHINGTON FIELD IS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER AND IS CLOSING ITS FILE.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, BUREAU INDICES AS WELL AS WASHINGTON FIELD INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED] AND THE MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK.

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(C)

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FBIHQ WHO WAS CONTACTED BY THE [REDACTED] WAS FBIHQ DIVISION SIX NIGHT SUPERVISOR KEN RAUPACH.

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1978,

BY SA [REDACTED] WASHINGTON FIELD.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWSPAPER  
WITH WHOM CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED WAS [REDACTED].

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1 - [redacted]  
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

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Paisley was reportedly sailing in the Chesapeake Bay area on 9/24/78, and was expected to return to port that evening. However, he did not return, and a U. S. Coast Guard search located his vessel abandoned and aground on the morning of 9/25/78. (U)

*(unclassified)*

U. S. Coast Guard reported that a briefcase containing CIA papers was located aboard the vessel and U. S. Coast Guard noted that four radios were located on board. (c) u

U. S. Coast Guard advised that a Soviet vessel was proceeding up the Chesapeake Bay in the area of Paisley's disappearance and that an unusual amount of communications traffic was emanating from the Soviet summer residence at Pioneer Point. (c) u

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On 9/29/78, Baltimore Division advised that local news media have been inquiring if FBI is conducting an investigation in this matter. Baltimore Division has been instructed to respond to media replies with "no comment at this time." (U)

On 9/29/78, Criminal Investigative Division, FBIHQ, advised that WFO will be furnishing additional details, under separate cover, concerning this matter. (U)

(C) ACTION:

(C) Intelligence Division will follow closely with Naval Investigative Service, U. S. Coast Guard, [redacted] and through our coverage at Pioneer Point to determine if matter warrants [redacted] b1  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI ROUTINE

ATTN: DIVISION 6; KIDNAPPING DESK

FBI BALTIMORE (199-29) ROUTINE

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JOHN A. PAISLEY; [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND BALTIMORE, FORMER

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

THE ASSET ADVISED THAT HE KNEW A [REDACTED]

REPEAT, [REDACTED] WHO FORMERLY RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON, D. C., AND BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY IN THE

NAMES, HE BELIEVED THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE A CONNECTION

WITH THIS CASE.

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HE INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH,

[REDACTED] PLACE UNKNOWN, WHITE/MALE, AMERICAN, DARK

BROWN HAIR, HAS PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED]

THE FORMER ASSET INDICATED THAT [REDACTED]

DEPARTED THE US ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1978, FOR REASONS

UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH IT WAS BELIEVED HE LEFT BECAUSE OF

TROUBLES HE ENCOUNTERED WITH A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY. THE

FORMER ASSET INDICATED HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, .

RECENTLY DECEASED, AND HE HAD SPOKEN WITH [REDACTED] RECENTLY

REGARDING HIS MOTHER'S DEATH. HE INDICATED THAT [REDACTED]

WAS GOING TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL, AND HIS ADDRESS WAS:

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*John A. Paisley*

# Former CIA Officer's Death Unofficially Called Suicide

By Michael D. Davis  
 Washington Star Staff Writer

Maryland investigators and friends of John Paisley, the former high-level CIA official who was found shot to death in the Chesapeake Bay, believe he took his own life because he had been despondent over his financial and marital affairs.

One source close to the investigation said the death has unofficially been ruled a suicide, but no formal determination will be released until the Coast Guard and Maryland State Police complete their investigations.

State police spokesman William Clark said Paisley's body was found Sunday floating in the bay at the mouth of the Patuxent River.

Clark said he died from a gunshot wound to the left side of the head and that 38 pounds of divers' weights were strapped to his waist and chest.

Paisley, 55, who lived in the 1500 block of Massachusetts Avenue NW, retired in 1974 as deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research.

He was last seen Sept. 24 when he left a group of friends to sail his 31-foot sailboat, The Brillig, to Solomon's Island. The next day the owners of a private yacht found his sloop abandoned and aground near Point Lookout in St. Mary's County. Clark said there were no signs of a struggle.

**THE BODY** was found clothed in deck shoes, jeans and a T-shirt, according to Clark. He said the wound appeared to be a contact wound, which would indicate that Paisley was shot at close range. An automatic pistol that he had kept aboard the ship was missing, police said.

Retired Air Force Col. Norman Wilson, who met Paisley four years ago and allowed him to keep his boat at Wilson's Lusby, Md., dock, said he talked with Paisley the evening that he sailed.

"He called me on the short wave radio and said he was finishing up some paper work and would be in

later that evening," Wilson said. "I told him I would leave the dock lights on," he added.

A source said yesterday that Paisley was despondent over his recent separation from his wife, Maryann, who lives in McLean.

The source also said that Paisley had recently suffered several financial reverses and found it necessary to take out an unanticipated loan to meet a tax bill. "He had a lot of recent financial problems, but he kept most of them to himself," the source said.

**WILSON SAID** Paisley sought an early retirement from the CIA because "he wanted to spend a lot of time sailing. That was his one real love."

Six months ago, however, he applied for a full-time job and was hired by Coopers & Lybrand, an accounting firm with offices in Washington. A company spokesman, who characterized Paisley as "an intelligent and even-tempered man," said he was an executive assistant to the firm's president, Wayne Smith.

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Wilson said Paisley frequently used the boat to work on office records and that it was not unusual for him to spend the night either on the boat or in a small cabin on the Wilson property.

Wilson said that after the boat was recovered it was brought to his dock, where it was searched by CIA and FBI agents. "They said they wanted to make sure that there were no classified documents on the ship," he said.

Wilson said that yesterday he inspected the boat and found an unspent pistol shell in the cabin. He said the shell fitted a 7mm pistol that Paisley kept aboard the ship.

"I KNEW he kept the pistol on the ship for protection," Wilson said. "I made a trip with him to the Florida Keys and he carried that pistol for protection when there was talk about pirates boarding and stealing private sailboats," he said. He said that when he inspected the boat yesterday the pistol was missing.

Wilson said he went over the sailboat and found that nothing else was missing, despite the fact that the boat was equipped with expensive electronic gear.

One source said it is believed that Paisley, an accomplished diver, wrapped the weights around his body, shot himself and then fell overboard with the pistol.

"He apparently tried to sink himself, but didn't realize that he didn't have enough weight, and that once the body gases began to form the body would rise to the surface," the source said.

"We believe he was trying to hide the suicide," he added.

Several of Paisley's friends, who asked that their names not be used, advanced the same theory and said that they too believed him to be concerned about his financial affairs and marital status.

"I think it's just a story about a guy, a nice guy who had too many

problems and couldn't deal with them," one of the friends said.

CLARK SAID that state investigators are still working and expect to make a formal determination within the next few days. "We're pursuing two possibilities. We don't know if it was a suicide or a homicide, but we are investigating both possibilities," he said.

Edward Paisley, 21-year-old son of the dead man, said his father was "in good spirits" the day he left on the sailboat, and he said he doubted his father's death was a suicide.

"My father was an excellent sailor and swimmer. He went down just about every weekend to sail. He seemed in good spirits. Everyone who talked to him that day said he was fine," he said.

The younger Paisley said he knew of no reason why someone would want to kill his father.

The dead man's estranged wife said her husband was an excellent swimmer, scuba diver and sailor and that at one time he had lived aboard his boat.

Suzanne Black, a CIA spokesman, said the agency would have no comment on the case. Another agency spokesman said the CIA "is not involved in the investigation in any way, but we will cooperate if asked."

A former CIA agent who has remained close to agency affairs told a reporter that Paisley was not involved "in the agency's clandestine work" and was not the subject of an investigation for any covert activity.

He said it is standard procedure for CIA representatives to accompany local law enforcement agencies when they investigate the unattended deaths of former CIA employees.

"Paisley was in research, he had never been assigned to Moscow and was never in a position to have access to sensitive information," the source said.

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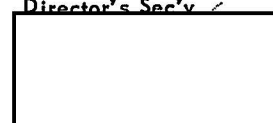
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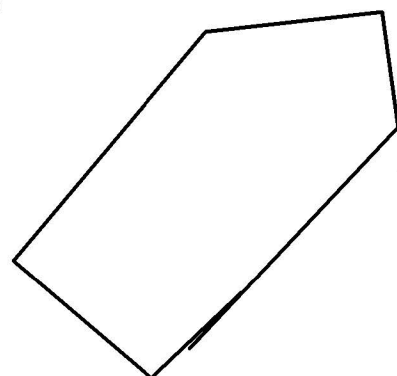
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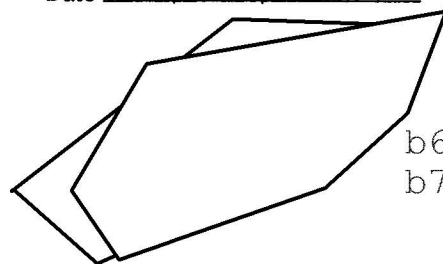
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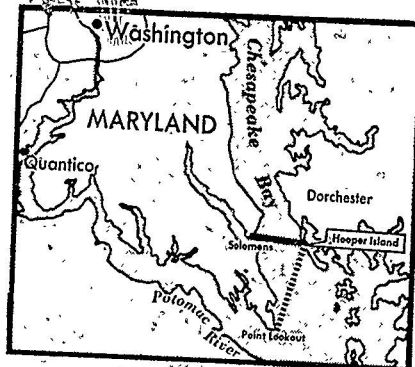
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By Dave Cook—The Washington Post

The Coast Guard reported light winds and three-to-four-foot waves on the bay Sunday evening.

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## Former CIA Employee Missing

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Paisley's boat was found near Point Lookout with its shortwave radio on, according to his wife. She said the steering mechanism on the sailboat was not locked into position.

Referring to speculation that Paisley may have fallen overboard while adjusting sails, his wife said that in several years of sailing she had never seen her husband tend the sails without locking the wheel. "He was a cautious, level-headed sailor," she said.

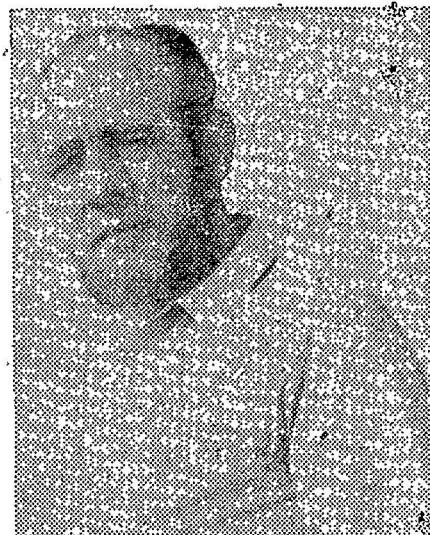
The boat's running lights were off when found, according to the Coast Guard. Wagoneer, also an experienced

sailor, said that fact probably means Paisley left his boat before dark—about an hour after his last radio communication.

John Harpold of the marine police said yesterday that drowning victims in the area of Chesapeake Bay where Paisley was last heard from are usually discovered within a few days because of the high volume of water traffic in the area.

"If the body is there, somebody is going to find it," Harpold said.

Paisley, who recently separated from his wife, lived at 1500 Massachusetts Ave. NW. He has two children, Diane, 20, and Edward, 21.



**JOHN A. PAISLEY**

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# Former CIA Employee Missing on Bay

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Paisley's boat, the Brillig, unoccupied but its sails still set, was found the following morning where it had run aground near Point Lookout at the mouth of the Potomac River.

Paisley, 55, who retired in 1974 as deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research, was last seen Sun-

day-afternoon sailing west across the bay from Hooper Island toward his home mooring at Solomons, Md.

Following discovery of the empty sailboat the next morning, the Coast Guard began an extensive search involving three helicopters, two "utility" power boats and a Coast Guard cutter. That search was discontinued Tuesday night after no trace of Paisley was found, but Maryland marine police continue to search waters near the mouth of the Potomac.

Paisley, who for the past six months has worked as a consultant for the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, was an expert sailor who once

lived aboard his sailboat for more than two years, according to his estranged wife, Maryann Paisley of McLean.

Paisley was also an expert swimmer and scuba diver, capable of swimming several miles, she said.

Phil Wagoneer, a close friend of Paisley and a CIA employee, said yesterday that Paisley was sailing the Brillig on Sunday alongside another sailboat until the late afternoon. The second boat returned to its mooring at Solomons, Wagoneer said, and Paisley radioed at 6 p.m., saying he was coming home after dark.

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**Identity of Body Confirmed**

The body of a man who was found in Chesapeake Bay wearing diving weights and with a bullet wound in his head has been identified as former CIA official John Paisley, Maryland state police said today.

Paisley, 55, was identified through dental records, and died from a gunshot wound to the head, authorities said.

Bill Clark, a police spokesman, said tests indicated the weapon was touching the victim's head at the time it was fired. That could mean either a suicide, or an execution-type murder, Clark said, adding that an investigation of the case was continuing. Clark said no weapon has been recovered.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. O. Cregar *WOF/ep*

FROM : *eco/rel*

SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY  
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located at Pioneer Point is not targeted by the USCG.  
The USCG only monitors shipping and boating frequencies  
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# Hill Panel Probes Death of Ex-CIA Man

By Stephanie Mansfield  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

The Senate Intelligence Committee began a secret investigation "several days ago" into the mysterious death of former CIA official John A. Paisley, a spokesman said yesterday.

Paisley, a 55-year-old former CIA analyst, was found floating in Chesapeake Bay last Sunday with a bullet wound in his head and 40 pounds of scuba diver weights wrapped around his waist.

Maryland state police are investi-

gating the death as a possible murder or bizarre suicide. Paisley's 31-foot sloop Brillig ran aground near Point Lookout, Md. Sept. 25, the day after he was last seen alive.

Police spokesman Cpl. Jerry Eiseman said yesterday that seven investigators have been assigned to the case and that detectives met yesterday with CIA officials at police headquarters in Pikesville, Md. "They (the agents) were able to shed light on Paisley's CIA activities," Eiseman said.

"The CIA is working with us. Because of the notoriety of this case we want to gear up the investigation and bring this thing to a head," he said.

A source close to the investigation said yesterday that documents found in a briefcase aboard the abandoned sailboat and marked "For Internal Use Only," were removed by the CIA before the police were called in, but Eiseman said he had no knowledge of missing evidence.

"We have to rely on the fact that

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# CIA, Police Probing Analyst's Death

PAISLEY, From AP

the CIA is telling us the truth," Eise-  
man said. "They told us they took  
nothing off the boat."

According to Paisley family attor-  
ney Terrence O'Grady, the briefcase  
contained typed and handwritten  
notes on a CIA project Paisley had  
been working on. Five of the docu-  
ments were signed for and removed  
by CIA representatives who were  
called by a friend of the family,  
O'Grady said.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson yes-  
terday denied that any papers had  
been taken from the briefcase, but  
said several documents marked "For  
Official Use Only" were signed for  
and removed by CIA officers from  
Paisley's apartment at 1500 Massachu-  
setts Ave. NW earlier this week. The  
papers, according to Peterson, were

similar to the ones found in the brief-  
case.

Peterson would not reveal the na-  
ture of the project, but said Paisley  
was a specialist in Soviet military eco-  
nomics. Paisley retired from his post  
as deputy director of the CIA's Office  
of Strategic Research in 1974, but had  
been retained as a consultant, the CIA  
has revealed.

A Wilmington (Del.) Morning News  
account citing unnamed CIA sources  
this week drew a link between Pais-  
ley's death and the alleged sale of  
highly sensitive CIA documents to the  
Soviet Union earlier this year by a  
former CIA watch officer. The CIA  
has labeled the story "absurd."

Citing the news account, Sen. Wil-  
liam Roth (D-Del.) in a letter to the  
intelligence committee yesterday  
called for a full investigation "of the  
theft of documents on the KH-11 sys-

tem, the loss of documents on any  
other surveillance system and the al-  
leged murder of Mr. Paisley."

Peterson yesterday denied that  
Paisley was involved in work con-  
nected with the KH-11 satellite sur-  
veillance system, but said that while  
he was a CIA analyst Paisley  
"obviously had access to sources of in-  
formation."

A committee spokesman yesterday  
declined to elaborate on the prelimi-  
nary investigation, but said "We're  
looking into it. We've begun making  
inquiries and we hope to answer Sen.  
Roth's questions."

Paisley had separated from his wife  
recently and moved to the Northwest  
Washington apartment, and friends  
said that Paisley had been depressed  
about the breakup of his marriage.  
But Paisley's wife, Maryann, who lives  
in McLean, said Paisley had been  
"in fine spirits" lately.

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## CIA Convinced Dead Analyst Took Own Life

By Michael D. Davis

Washington Star Staff Writer

A CIA spokesman says the agency is convinced that John Paisley, the retired agency official who was found shot to death in the Chesapeake Bay, took his own life. He discounted published reports which suggested that Paisley was a double agent for the Soviet Union.

The spokesman, Herbert E. Hetu, yesterday said Paisley became a consultant for the agency after he retired in 1974, but that he specialized in reports on Soviet military spending and did not handle or have access to highly classified information.

He said agency officials have been told by investigators that Paisley, who was reported to have been distraught over his marriage and his financial affairs, took his own life.

Hetu said a Maryland State Police investigation concluded Paisley wrapped skindivers' weights around his body, shot himself and then fell into the bay from the deck of his 31-foot sailboat, The Brillig.

HE SAID THE state police decided not to announce the findings after a Wilmington, Del., newspaper published reports suggesting that Paisley was a double agent who was linked to the disappearance of important papers dealing with the U.S. spy satellite system. "I guess they want to be very cautious about their findings," he said.

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Knowledgeable sources inside and outside the CIA insisted that Paisley, who was deputy director of the agency's Office of Strategic Research when he retired, was never assigned to work on the satellite system, did not have access to classified information on the program and was not the subject of an internal CIA investigation.

Hetu confirmed reports that CIA agents were called to Lusby, Md., after a Coast Guard boarding party found Paisley's sloop aground in the Bay and reported finding classified documents on the ship.

A Coast Guard spokesman at Curtis Bay said the decision to call the CIA was made "after we found documents which appeared to be sensitive."

**HETU SAID** the Coast Guard found Paisley's CIA identification card in a wallet on the boat and then made "the inaccurate determination" that the papers found on the ship were classified CIA documents.

He said two agents examined the papers and then turned them over to Paisley's estranged wife, along with his other personal effects.

Retired Air Force Col. Norman Wilson, who owns the dock where Paisley kept his boat, confirmed CIA reports on the papers.

"I saw the papers. It was nothing more than a series of memos he was preparing on meetings. It was all pretty dry administrative stuff," he said.

Hetu, the CIA spokesman, said, "He was not involved in clandestine operations, and we are leaving the investigation of this incident to the Maryland State Police."

Paisley, who ended a 30-year intelligence career in 1974, was an avid salt-water sailor who took his sloop into the bay alone Sept. 24. He radioed Wil-

son that he would be returning to port late that evening. His body, with a bullet wound in the head, was found the following Sunday floating in the bay.

**FRIENDS AND** investigators said Paisley, 55, was depressed over several financial reverses and his recent separation from his wife, who lives in McLean. After that separation Paisley lived alone in an apartment at 1500 Massachusetts Ave. NW. He took a full-time job as a consultant with a Washington accounting firm.

Hetu confirmed that shortly after Paisley retired from the CIA he was retained as a consultant to the Military Economic Advisory Panel, which advises the agency's director on Soviet military expenditures and other economic affairs. He said Paisley was given this position because this was his area of specialization when he retired from the CIA.

"He was an analyst. He wasn't a spy," Hetu said.

Hetu said the CIA was not taking "an active role" in the investigation. "We are an overseas intelligence-collecting organization. We don't do domestic investigations. That is prohibited by executive order," he explained.

**MARYLAND** State Police Cpl. Jerry Eismann said the police have had no contact with the CIA apart from asking for help in the identification of Paisley's body from dental records.

"They have not approached us," Eismann said. "We asked them for help in identifying the body, and as far as I know that is the only connection we have had with the CIA or the FBI."

"It appears to be a suicide by all indications," a source in the Maryland medical examiner's office said. "There were no signs of a struggle."

An automatic pistol that Paisley kept aboard the boat for protection was missing, according to Wilson, the dock operator, who said he found a live cartridge in the ship's cabin.

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# Police Say Cause Still Is Uncertain In Paisley Death

By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Staff Writer

Maryland police said yesterday they are still unable to determine whether the death of John A. Paisley, a former high-level CIA employee found Sunday floating in Chesapeake Bay with a bullet wound in his head, was suicide or murder.

In an unusual response to newspaper reports that linked Paisley's death to his CIA involvement, the CIA yesterday announced that Paisley, at the time of his disappearance, was under contract as a CIA consultant studying "Soviet military expenditures and other economic affairs."

The intelligence agency labeled as "ridiculous" and "absurd" a copyrighted story in the Wilmington (Del.) News Journal which said the CIA fears Paisley was murdered by Soviet secret police because of his connection with the agency's satellite surveillance system.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said that Paisley, who retired in 1974 from his full-time job as deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research, was not a spy and was not involved in clandestine activities for the agency.

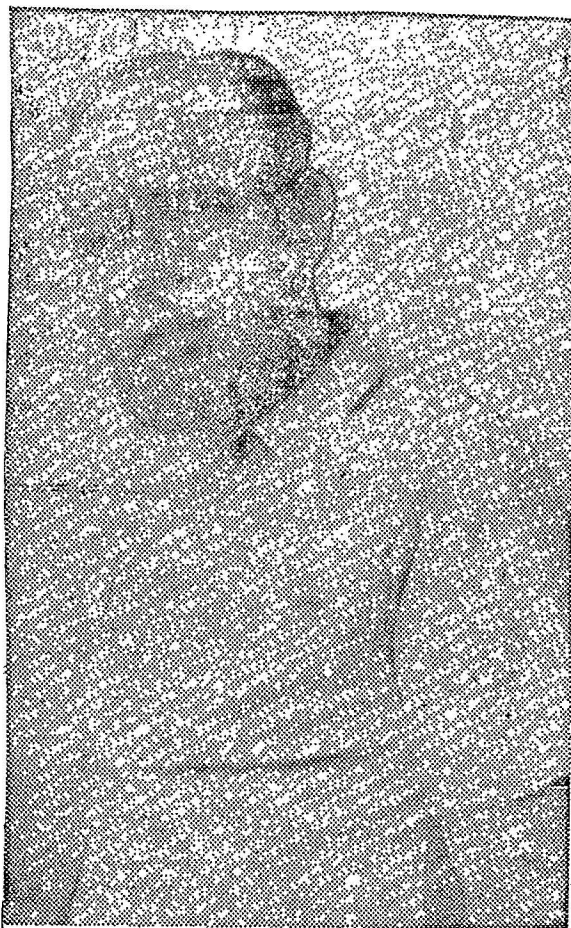
As a consultant, Paisley was "a member of the Military Economic Advisory Panel, composed of outside experts," Peterson said. "Much of this (work) is unclassified and released to the public."

Maryland's chief medical examiner, Dr. Russell Fisher, said Paisley, 55, who was last seen Sept. 24 sailing his 31-foot sloop on the bay, died of a gunshot wound to the left side of the head. The fatal bullet was fired from a 9 mm. automatic pistol, the type of gun Paisley was known to keep aboard his sailboat, Fisher said.

Police found an unspent 9 mm. cartridge aboard the sailboat, which was found unoccupied with its sails set on the morning after Paisley disappeared. It had run aground near Point Lookout at the mouth of the Potomac River.

It was learned yesterday that Paisley, although ambidextrous, used his left hand for writing. Fisher said the bullet that killed Paisley was fired with the gun touching the victim's head and the wound, above and behind the left ear, could have been self-inflicted.

Terrence O'Grady, a Falls Church attorney representing the Paisley family, yesterday denied reports that Paisley was heavily in debt at the time of his death. "I've had access to his financial records and there is no evidence of any debts that he couldn't handle with his consulting earnings," O'Grady said.



FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE JOHN A. PAISLEY  
consultant at time of disappearance

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FROM SAC, Indianapolis (62-0)

John A. Paisley

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 9/30/78.

Information contained in enclosed LHM was furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted]

LHM is being provided for possible dissemination to CIA, as information contained therein was furnished prior to the announcement of the death of CIA Agent WILLIAM PAISLEY who vanished 9/24/78.

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[ ] resides at [ ] Indiana, and is employed at [ ] Indiana. He advised that while visiting the Enterprise Night Club on North Post Road, Indianapolis, on September 29, 1978, he met and entered into conversation with a white female by the name of [ ], who resides at [ ] no telephone, whom he had never met prior to that night. Later as he initiated his departure from the lounge, [ ] stated she had no way home and asked [ ] to drop her off at her apartment.

As [ ] was departing [ ] car at her residence, she broke down and began crying. Upon questioning by [ ] related that she is afraid for her safety because of her association with a "professional hit man," whom she has been seeing recently. She identified this "hit man" as [ ], age approximately 24, who is an agent with the [ ] home telephone [ ] business telephone [ ]. She continued that she was with [ ] when he was presented a handgun by two other unknown white males and that she subsequently delivered [ ] to the airport for a flight to kill a CIA Agent. She also stated that [ ] has told her in confidence that [ ]

[ ] advised that [ ] could well be a hooker but that he had no sexual contacts with her and that he has not seen her before or since this incident. He advised that she may have a mental record at the Gallahue Mental Health Center in Indianapolis.

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## Police Complain Paisley Evidence 'Contaminated'

By Michael D. Davis  
 Washington Star Staff Writer

The investigation into the death of former CIA analyst John A. Paisley has been impeded because physical evidence was disturbed before the Maryland State Police officially entered the probe, according to a spokesman.

"We've been playing catch-up ball ever since Paisley's body was discovered," said William Clark. "We did not have an opportunity to go over his sailboat or to go through his Washington apartment until several other people had removed items from the boat and the apartment," he added.

"Our investigators have found that most of the physical evidence in this case has been contaminated," he said.

Clark said the Maryland State Police did not enter the investigation until after Paisley's body was found floating in the Chesapeake Bay, one week after his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig, was found aground off Point Lookout in Calvert County, Md.

Clark said that a Coast Guard boarding party, agents from the CIA, and several of Paisley's friends went on the boat before it was inspected by state police.

CIA SPOKESMAN Herbert E. Hetu confirmed that the agency sent two employees to Olivet, Md., after Coast Guard officials reported that classified documents might have been on board the ship.

Clark said personal items that were on the boat were gathered together and placed below deck by the Coast Guard. "That is probably standard procedure in a standard case when a boat is found aground or

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adrift," he added. "But this is an exceptional case."

Clark said when investigators went to Paisley's Washington apartment they discovered that it had been "cleaned out" by his estranged wife, who lives in McLean, several days before his body was found.

Hetu said CIA employees went to the home of Maryann Paisley and recovered four CIA documents that had been marked "administrative use only" and several CIA identification badges. He could give no reason why Mrs. Paisley went to the apartment of her estranged husband before his body could be found.

Paisley, who retired in 1974 from his job as deputy director of strategic research, had been retained as a consultant to the agency on Soviet military spending. He was found in the bay with a gunshot wound in the head a week after his sailboat was found aground. He had 38 pounds of divers' weights around his waist.

CIA officials believe Paisley's death was suicide. Police said Monday that he was shot with a 9mm pistol, a weapon similar to the type of automatic pistol that he was known to have kept aboard his boat. But state police, who have assigned a team of seven investigators to the case, have not ruled out the possibility that he was murdered and that his death might have been related to his CIA employment.

"THE NORMAL TRAIL that we would have in a criminal investigation has been clouded because all of the evidence, all of the useful information, was disturbed or contaminated before we had an opportunity to examine it," Clark said. "The normal things that we would look for in

an investigation of this nature have all been disturbed," he added.

"It's very frustrating and very difficult to want to conduct a thorough investigation, to want to do a good job and not have the evidence available," Clark said.

Clark said the CIA is aiding in the investigation by "giving us any information that we ask for." But he said the intelligence agency does not have agents assigned to the case.

Maryland state police investigators have been conducting a probe into Paisley's background and are interested in his activities during the last several months of his life.

Last year Paisley attended sessions held by Lifespring, a California-based organization that holds "life awareness" sessions for participants. Sally Ann Robbins, a spokesman for the group's Washington office, confirmed that Paisley had participated in the sessions and had graduated from a series of classes in March of last year.

Carol Fletcher, another spokesman for the group, which has a Washington office at 1054 31st St. NW, said Lifespring "helps people get more out of life."

"WE HELP PEOPLE take an in-depth look at their lives. We help them with their communications and their relationships with others. We get people more in touch with themselves," she said.

She said she would not discuss Paisley's experience with the group, but did confirm that he "completed our initial training and graduated from the course." She said Paisley's wife also started taking Lifespring courses, but added that she did not attend classes during the same time her husband did.

Lifespring charges \$250 for the initial course and has a second course called "interpersonal experience" that costs \$650.

"There are things that prevent people from being who they really are," Fletcher said. "Some people have a negative view of themselves and so we take people who have poor self-images and get them to reassess their lives."

She said more than 1,200 Washington area residents have participated in the program since Lifespring began holding sessions here two years ago. She said the average age of participants is 45 and that most have incomes in excess of \$20,000 a year, and have college degrees.

But James Siegelman, author of a recent book on encounter groups, said the kind of training that Paisley received from Lifespring could have affected his mental attitude.

"Groups like Lifespring, and similar organizations, help people develop a tremendous physical high without the use of drugs. They actually get participants very, very high on life. This will usually last for several months, and then there is the

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Re IP airtel (with LHM) dated October 12, 1978, previously  
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On October 18, 1978, [redacted] who is known also by the names [redacted] and [redacted] was interviewed at her residence at [redacted] Indiana. She furnished the following information:

She has known [redacted] for approximately three and one-half months and she believed he was going to marry her until she discovered he intends to marry her best friend. [redacted] never told her about any plot to murder a CIA Agent nor did he ever mention any other murders. He was arrested approximately two months ago for stealing hubcaps at which time police confiscated a pistol which was in his possession but which was registered to his brother. To the best of her knowledge, [redacted] has no other weapons and she never saw anyone give him a gun. She did not know where he lived; whenever she asked him where he lived or where he was going, he told her it was none of her business. He is an agent for [redacted] and as far as she knows, he has never worked for the government.

[redacted] recalled meeting a man named [redacted] a few weeks ago at the Enterprise Nightclub who gave her a ride home. She was somewhat upset about her relationship with [redacted] when she talked to [redacted] but she was unable to recall what she said to [redacted]. She frequently says things after she has been drinking or taking pills that she does not recall.

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[redacted] stated that she has lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, approximately one year, having grown up in thirteen different foster homes. She denied a drug problem but advised that she has taken speed in the past and was recently hospitalized after taking a pill she later discovered contained heroin and LSD. On October 13, 1978, while she was [redacted] the Whitefront Lounge on West 16th Street in Indianapolis, she attempted to commit suicide and was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was released from custody on October 16, 1978, and was instructed to attend group therapy sessions at Community Hospital. She related that she had previously undergone psychiatric counselling for approximately one year to no avail. She has been married twice and of the five children she has had, three died and the other two were placed in the custody of their fathers'. She stated that she is very lonely and mixed up.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through interview and personal observation:

Date of birth	[redacted]
Social Security	(Volunteered for identification)
Account Number	[redacted]
Height	5'1"
Build	Thin
Hair	Brown, shoulder length
Eyes	Brown

A review of criminal history records of the Indianapolis Police Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, reflected that [redacted] white male, born [redacted]

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Indiana, was arrested [redacted] 1978. He was convicted of the offense [redacted] for which he was fined \$6.50 and charged court costs of \$53.50.



# Traces of Gunpowder On Paisley's Hands, But Test 'Inconclusive'

By Michael D. Davis

Washington Star Staff Writer

Traces of a gunpowder residue have been found on the hands of John A. Paisley, who was found dead with a bullet wound in the head 12 days ago, but FBI tests have not proved conclusively that the former CIA analyst fired a gun the day he died, a Maryland state police spokesman said today.

The spokesman, William E. Clark, said investigators have been told Paisley's hands contained traces of barium antimony, a gunpowder ingredient. Clark added that though the FBI tests are "inconclusive, there is probably no other way that the trace elements could have gotten on his hands" than by firing a gun.

Maryland medical examiner Dr. Russell Fischer had asked the FBI to perform neutron activation tests on Paisley's hands. The process was developed to determine whether a person has recently fired a weapon. Fischer and an FBI technician said these tests are often inconclusive when performed on bodies that have been in the water because the elements chemists look for are water soluble.

Paisley's body was recovered from Chesapeake Bay on Oct. 1. It has been determined that the body had been in the water for more than a week.

**CLARK DISCLOSED** earlier that Paisley purchased 28 pounds of diver's weights and a belt to hold them from a Northwest Washington sporting goods store the day before starting his final voyage on the bay.

Clark said investigators have learned that Paisley bought the extra set of weights Sept. 23. Paisley already had a set of weights which he used when skindiving.

Paisley's body was found wrapped with the two sets of diving weights, but floating in the bay.

Friends had told investigators Paisley was known to own only one set of weights. They said they had never seen the second set.

Clark said the seven-man team investigating Paisley's death has talked to witnesses who saw the additional set of weights aboard Paisley's 31-foot sloop the day he sailed.

Tom Cooper, who manages the National Dive Shop in the 4900 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW, said Paisley was a frequent customer.

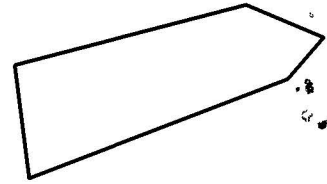
"The day he bought the weights, he was in a hurry. He bought the weights, a belt and some lubricant for diving equipment. He paid \$42.72 in cash for his purchase," Cooper said. "He appeared to be very much in a hurry on that day."

**INVESTIGATORS AND CIA** officials, who have said unofficially they believe Paisley committed suicide, have been attempting to determine the significance of the second set of weights that were wrapped around his body.

Friends in Olivet, Md., where Paisley kept his sailboat, told investigators they did not remember Paisley's ever owning two sets of weights.

Clark said Maryland investigators have been unable to substantiate the contention of a Cumberland, Md., woman who was a close friend of Paisley that he sold his 9 mm. automatic pistol last summer.

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Ballistics experts said earlier this week that Paisley, who had confined to work for the CIA as a consultant after his 1974 retirement, had been shot by a bullet fired from an automatic similar to the one he was thought to have kept aboard his boat. Clark said investigators hope to conclude their investigation before the end of the week.

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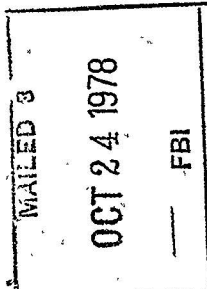
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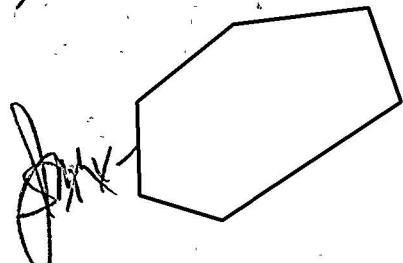
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# Police Think Paisley Killed Himself.

By Michael D. Davis  
 Washington Star Staff Writer

Maryland investigators may never be able to say with certainty that John A. Paisley, a retired high-ranking CIA official, took his own life, but the results of their probe indicates that he did.

Col. Thomas A. Smith, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, said yesterday Paisley's death will be listed as an "undetermined death."

He said at least two investigators will continue their efforts to find out if the 55-year-old former CIA analyst shot himself and fell in to the Chesapeake Bay from the deck of his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig.

"If Paisley was anyone but a former high-ranking CIA official his death would have been classified as a suicide on the day his body was found," a source close to the investigation said.

"But this case was different because it might have involved compromises of U.S. intelligence, and Smith wanted to take it one step at a time. If someone dropped the ball on this one Smith didn't want it to be the Maryland State Police," the source said.

**SMITH'S INVESTIGATORS** have found answers to many of the questions that made the case one of the strangest in recent Maryland history.

They have determined that Paisley was shot with a 9mm automatic pistol similar to the one that he was known to have kept aboard his sailboat. They have determined that, contrary to reports from a friend that Paisley had recently sold the pistol, it was seen by several people on board the sailboat shortly before his final trip.

The investigators have confirmed that Paisley had suffered several episodes of depression and that on at least two occasions he had discussed suicide with friends. Smith said Paisley told friends he wanted to die and be buried at sea.

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Smith's formal statement — "We have been unable to uncover any indication whatsoever of foul play involved with the death of Mr. Paisley" — is not as conclusive as statements he has made on other investigations.

**THAT STATEMENT**, combined with the fact that Smith has ordered two members of the seven-man team to continue working on the case indicates that Smith also feels a lot of question about Paisley's death are unanswered.

A Maryland pathologist said Paisley did not suffer from any terminal disease that might have provoked suicide.

"He had gall stones," Dr. Ann Dixon said, "but that is hardly reason enough for a person to take his own life."

Smith said Paisley may have had knowledge of a 1971 incident in which a Yale University professor, Richard Wolfgang, died. Wolfgang was found floating in Long Island Sound with a bullet wound in his head. His body was weighted down with a bag of stones. His death has not yet been ruled a suicide or a homicide.

Wolfgang was a chemist who worked with nuclear reactors. Paisley's work with the CIA dealt in part with the U.S. spy satellite system.

**CIA OFFICIALS** have insisted that Paisley was not involved in any activities that might have com-

promised his intelligence work with the agency. Though he was a deputy director of strategic research at the time of his 1974 retirement they contend that he was never involved in covert activities and did not have access to any classified information that would be of value to a foreign power.

But intelligence sources say foreign powers are also interested in non-covert employees because they have knowledge of what the U.S. assessments of other military powers are, and that this is "very valuable information."

The CIA has contended that it had no official interest in the investigation and that it was only assisting the Maryland State Police by giving them background on Paisley's career. But it was only after repeated questions from the news media that the agency admitted that Paisley has continued to work for the agency as a consultant on Soviet military affairs after his retirement.

**AND ALTHOUGH** they have acknowledged that Paisley's wife was also a contract employee of the agency, they have refused to disclose what kind of work she did for the CIA and what relation it had, if any, to the work done by her husband.

A state police spokesman, William E. Clark, said Maryann Paisley went to the Washington apartment of her estranged husband and removed his personal effects before his body was discovered because initial newspaper reports about the discovery of his boat reported his address and she feared that the apartment might be burglarized.

Clark said earlier that Maryland police found the investigation a difficult one because most of the evidence in the case was disturbed before Maryland police officially entered the probe.

Paisley's boat was searched by the CIA, friends and the Coast Guard before Maryland investigators went to Olivet, Md., where the boat was moored after it was recovered. Paisley's apartment had been "cleaned out," Clark said, before state police could go over it for clues.

**"WE HAD TO** play catch-up ball during the entire investigation," he said.

The two sets of diving weights that were found around his body were purchased by Paisley, investigators say. He purchased one set of weights last winter in Florida while taking diving lessons. He bought the second set of weights, which friends did not remember his owning, from a Washington diving shop about a week before he was reported missing.



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## Paisley Death Was a Suicide, Md. Police Say

By Michael D. Davis  
 Washington Star Staff Writer

PIKESVILLE, Md. — The results of an intensive investigation by the Maryland State Police indicate that former CIA analyst John A. Paisley shot himself to death.

Col. Thomas A. Smith, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, said that the results of the investigation into Paisley's death are "inconclusive" but that all of the circumstantial evidence in the investigation indicates that Paisley shot himself to death with a 9mm automatic that he kept aboard his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig.

Smith made the remarks at a news conference attended by representatives of the Washington office of the FBI and personnel from the Maryland medical examiner's office.

Smith said he has reassigned five investigators who were conducting a probe of Paisley's death but said two full-time investigators will continue to work on the case to look for more conclusive evidence.

An FBI chemical analyst said that tests conducted on Paisley's hands revealed slight traces of a gunpowder residue but that the test did not conclusively determine that Paisley had fired a weapon on the day he died.

Smith said investigators have determined that the pistol, which some witnesses told police Paisley had sold, was seen aboard his boat a week before the incident.

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Smith added that authorities lack enough evidence to say definitely that the retired deputy director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research took his own life.

"I doubt we will ever be able to say it with certainty," Smith said.

Paisley's body was found floating in the Chesapeake Bay Oct. 1, six days after his unoccupied sailboat was discovered aground in the bay off Point Lookout, Md.

Paisley's bloated and decomposed body had 38 pounds of diving weights wrapped around the waist and police determined he died from a single gunshot wound behind the left ear.

Smith said investigators have determined that Paisley had purchased the diving belts himself. Smith said Paisley bought one in Florida last year and bought the second from a Wisconsin Avenue dive shop about a week before he took his final trip.

Smith said Maryland investigators were assisted in their probe by agents from the FBI's Baltimore field office and that they received cooperation from the CIA.

State Police spokesman William E. Clark said the investigation was "a difficult one" because much of the evidence in the case had been disturbed before the Maryland State Police assumed an active role in the probe.

CIA officials and Paisley's relatives went on board the boat and also went through his Washington apartment before Maryland investigators took over the case, Clark said.

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# Letelier Jury Must Assess Conflict In 'Confessions' by Witness Townley

By Jeremiah O'Leary  
Washington Star Staff Writer

A major question for the jury in the Orlando Letelier murder trial is whether to believe a "false" confession or a "true" confession made by Michael V. Townley to Chile's military prosecutor.

Townley now says a March 29, 1978, statement to Gen. Hector Orozco, the Chilean military prosecutor, was a "cover-up story" to shift responsibility for Letelier's death away from DINA, the Chilean secret police organization.

The second statement, signed last April 18 by Townley after two interviews with Orozco at the Quantico Marine Base detention center, is alleged by the prosecutors and Townley to be a true account of the assassination plot.

The second statement was made just after two of the Cuban exile defendants had been arrested in Miami and Townley was faced with the possibility that one of them might agree to testify for the U.S. government and might implicate him.

TOWNLEY ALSO was informed by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Eugene M. Propper and E. Lawrence Barcella that he could be prosecuted for passport and munitions law violations, possibly getting him a long prison sentence.

How Townley, who has confessed to placing the bomb in Letelier's car, decided to plead guilty and implicate the Cubans as confederates was covered in yesterday's testimony in U.S. District Court.

Townley had been extradited from Chile in handcuffs by the government of Gen. Augusto Pinochet about 10 days before he decided to make the "true" Quantico confession.

Essential to his decision was a proposed plea-bargaining agreement offered by the prosecutors in return for his testimony, but sources said Townley first insisted on calling Orozco twice in Santiago to explain his decision to testify and to be relieved of his oath of secrecy as a DINA agent.

BEFORE OROZCO'S arrival, Townley said, he had not told the American prosecutors or investigators any details of his involvement in the plot to kill Letelier.

Present at the Quantico meeting, Townley said, were three Chilean officers, Col. Jeronimo Pantoja, the chief of staff of the secret police, and Maj. Jaime Vergara and Orozco; Townley's parents and wife, Marianna; Propper and Barcella; FBI agents Carter Cornick and Robert Scherrer; and Townley's lawyers, Seymour Glanzer and Barry Levine.

In exchange for the second, "true" statement, the prosecutors consented to a plea-bargaining arrangement by which Townley was permitted to plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to murder a foreign official and to receive a jail sentence of 3½ to 10 years. The second document became the basis for the government's case against the three Cuban activists on trial.

The activists are Guillermo Novo and Alvin Ross Diaz, on trial for murder conspiracy, and Ignacio Novo, on trial for perjury and failing to report the Letelier crime.

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THE SECOND statement was produced in court yesterday by the government after defense attorneys had obtained the first statement that Townley says was a cover story and contained lies.

Neither document's text has been made available in court, but the major differences were indicated by questions to Townley. The defense attorneys are using the first, or "false," statement to impeach Townley as a government witness while the prosecutors using the second, "true" statement to implicate the high command of DINA in the Sept. 21, 1976, killing of Letelier and Ronni K. Moffitt at Sheridan Circle.

Defense attorneys, attempting to undermine Townley's second confession, pressed him hard on the point that his Quantico statement contends that the Cubans agreed to assassinate Letelier only by using a remote-control explosion. Under questioning, Townley acknowledged, "I'm not sure if they demanded it, but the Cubans wanted to get home to New Jersey as soon as they could."

The trial was recessed until Monday. U.S. District Court Judge Barrington D. Parker said he understood the government will conclude its case by the end of next week, indicating a major change in strategy by the prosecutors who originally planned to put more than 40 witnesses on the stand.

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# Prosecutor Gets Report on Irregular Baltimore GSA Painting Contracts

By Robert Pear  
Washington Star Staff Writer

Congressional investigators say they have found evidence of "possible criminal violations" by federal employees who arranged for excessive painting of federal office buildings in the Baltimore area.

Rep. Clarence D. Long, D-Md., referred the findings yesterday to Russell T. Baker Jr., the U.S. attorney for Maryland, as recommended by auditors from the General Accounting Office, a congressional watchdog agency.

The allegations made by the GAO are the latest indication of misman-

agement at the scandal-ridden General Services Administration, which performs housekeeping and procurement services for the federal government.

After reviewing painting contracts issued by GSA's Public Buildings Service, the congressional auditors concluded that "interior painting requirements appear to be duplicated and substantially overstated."

GSA field office officials could not explain these requirements, the auditors said.

MITCHELL, two other Maryland congressmen and the state's two senators asked for an investigation of

painting contracts after government painters complained that GSA was "contracting out" for services that could be provided more economically by GSA employees. Local members of the American Federation of Government Employees joined in the complaint.

While it is possible that the contract discrepancies involve "unintentional mistakes," the GAO said, "we believe it prudent to consider the possibility of criminal law violations by federal employees, particularly in view of the recent disclosures of fraud and collusion involving GSA employees elsewhere."

The report to Long involved three painting jobs together totaling more than \$66,000.

Two orders were issued for "duplicate painting" of the same four floors in a federal office building, GAO said. One order called for 190,000 square feet of painting; the other order called for 301,020 square feet.

BOTH QUANTITIES "appear to be substantially greater than actual paintable wall space," estimated at only 126,000 square feet for the four floors together.

In another case, the contractor was

paid a premium of 5 cents a square foot for painting 64,000 square feet of wall space located higher than 9 feet 6 inches.

The problem, according to GAO, is that the ceiling on these floors is only 9 feet high, so it's difficult to understand why the \$3,200 premium was justified.

In yet another case, the contractor was paid \$5,940 for fancy decorative painting of a "graphic" design covering 49,500 square feet in a federal office building.

But again there was a discrepancy: Building managers acknowledged that the painted space covered only

5,000 to 6,000 square feet, about one-tenth of the area supposedly painted.

GAO OFFICIALS, noting that these problems were discovered after checking just a few documents, said that such discrepancies may be widespread among federal painting contracts in Baltimore.

GAO did not specifically criticize the Arlington company that had the painting contract in Baltimore.

However, in an interview, the president of the company said that his purchase orders confirmed some of the problems spotted by GAO.

He attributed the problems to "typographical errors" made by GSA personnel who prepared the records.

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# Paisley Case Feared Tied To CIA Security Breach

By Tad Szulc  
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WASHINGTON — Authoritative government officials believe that the mysterious death last September of retired Central Intelligence Agency nuclear-arms expert John Arthur Paisley may be linked to a major internal security breach affecting the CIA.

This conclusion is based to a significant extent on the discovery that "current" top secret CIA documents — and not two-year old papers of a lower classification as believed earlier — had been found after Paisley's disappearance aboard his sloop, the Brillig. The documents were found in his Washington apartment and in his office at a public accountant's firm where he held an administrative post in the last five months of his life.

The fact that Paisley had access to super-secret intelligence data for years after his formal retirement from the CIA and a year after he was said to have completed a sensitive consultative assignment for the agency was disclosed privately Thursday by government sources.

Government sources said it is impossible to rule out the theory that the Paisley affair touches on the existence of a Soviet "mole" — a deep-cover Soviet agent planted inside the agency — and the dead officer's knowledge thereof. The theory has been the subject of speculation for years inside and outside of the intelligence community.

It was also learned that Col. Norman Wilson, a retired Air Force intelligence official and the last man to have talked with Paisley before his disappearance, left last Monday for Australia with his wife. An unidentified man answering the telephone at the Wilson home on Chesapeake Bay described it as a three-or four-month-long trip that had been planned for some time. But government sources expressed surprise at his departure while the investigation of Paisley's death is being expanded.

The new information came to light as the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday to take over, in effect, its three-month inquiry into this latest CIA mystery. The committee said it had taken the action because it had come across "a number of trou-

bling questions" and because the FBI has "primary jurisdiction over counter-intelligence matters within the United States."

At first, the CIA claimed that the documents in Paisley's possession were relatively unimportant papers classified "for internal use only." Later it acknowledged that Paisley had kept materials pertaining to the top secret comparative study of Soviet nuclear capabilities conducted in late-1977 by a CIA group and an outside panel of experts known as "Team-B." It also admitted that Paisley had served as coordinator of "Team B."

The agency, including its director, Admiral Stansfield Turner, was also said to have initially misinformed the White House and the Senate committee concerning Paisley's actual importance during his formal CIA career and afterwards. It was an effort to portray Paisley as simply a CIA analyst while, in reality, he had participated in numerous top level clandestine intelligence operations.

Government sources said specifically that Paisley's documents were "over and above" the "Team B" papers that were also found aboard the sloop. They said that the CIA was unable or unwilling to explain to the Senate panel why Paisley had the documents for so long after his formal retirement as deputy chief of the Office of Strategic Research. Normally, the sources said, documents of this nature would never be removed from CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

The committee, according to its chairman, Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., had interviewed CIA officials along with others in the course of its investigation. But sources said, the CIA had been less than forthcoming. This may have been one of the reasons for turning the inquiry over to the Justice Department.

However, the mystery remains as to the circumstances of Paisley's death. While it was first described as a suicide, the Maryland State Police subsequently concluded that he died from "undetermined" causes. Most investigators tend to believe that Paisley was murdered, but there appear to be no clues so far by whom and why.

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### **Public Backs Patty Hearst**

More than 30,000 replies to an informal telephone poll indicate that a majority of callers believe Patricia Hearst should be freed from prison. The San Francisco Chronicle, which conducted the poll, reported Thursday that it received 30,348 calls during a 24-hour period. A total of 17,101 callers, or 56 percent, voted yes and 13,247 voted no on the question: Should Patty Hearst be freed now? The newspaper said it was the heaviest response yet since it began a series of telephone polls on controversial topics. The telephone poll is not a scientifically accurate survey of public opinion, the newspaper said, but "does give a strong indication of the way many Chronicle readers feel." The callers' votes are registered automatically and there is no means of screening multiple calls from one person.

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# Bell Calls Bureaucracy Threat to Nation

## Urges Cutback in Power of Federal Regulatory Agencies

BY RONALD J. OSTROW

Times Staff Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan.—Atty. Gen. Griffin B. Bell, declaring that the ever-growing federal bureaucracy "is a prescription for societal suicide," called Thursday night for sharply reducing the bureaucracy's power.

In a lecture at the University of Kansas here, Bell said he was "fearful of what lies ahead for the nation."

If the republic is to remain viable, we must find ways to curb and then to reduce this government by bureaucracy," said Bell, who is not given to such somber declarations.

He proposed cutting back the regulating and lawmaking authority of the independent regulatory agencies and severely restricting the size of staffs allocated to the President, the Congress and the courts. And he reiterated a proposal to limit the President to a single six-year term.

A single term would permit the President to regain control of government from the bureaucracy by allowing the chief executive to concentrate his energy on the office rather than seeking reelection, and he would still have a long enough term to achieve major changes and improvements, Bell said.

"We must return to government by directly accountable public officials—local, state and federal," he said. "The only other alternative, I predict, is to have an increasingly costly and inefficient form of government, wholly removed from democratic control."

Bell, who served nearly 15 years as a federal judge before becoming the nation's chief law enforcement officer, said he was not speaking for the Administration.

Nevertheless, Bell's remarks take on added meaning because he is the Cabinet officer with the closest and longest ties to President Carter, a fellow Georgian. But Bell's stated philosophy is a far more conservative doctrine than Carter has embraced publicly.

"I'm a good deal more conservative than he is," Bell said in an interview before the speech.

In urging a reduction of the authority of independent federal agencies such as the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are all wholly separate and not subject to his control at all," Bell said.

Bell said he would urge Congress "to sharply curtail, if not abolish, the so-called 'rule-making' powers of the independent regulatory commissions."

In the interview, Bell said that the rule-making power had developed over the last five years as a means of avoiding lengthy adversary proceedings at which all sides are heard. Through rule-making, for example, a regulatory agency could restructure the oil and banking industries, Bell said.

"Rule-making is a total substitute for all other forms of government—executive, legislative and even judicial," he said. "Its abuse can stymie and frustrate the government of whole states and the operations of entire industries."

Bell said that he would restrict the staffs of all three branches of government because "more staff invariably means more time in which to evolve more ideas about how to increase government control over the lives of the American people."

If the staffs were cut, however, citizens would have to lower their expectations about government, Bell said.

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"The temptation is overwhelming to ask that the federal government pay for this project or support that program," he said, "because then the average citizen cannot so easily perceive the linkage between the service delivered and the price paid in terms of the incremental federal tax dollars."

Bell said that the growth of the federal judiciary and its support staff "stems mostly from the desires of the American people, who now turn to the courts—and especially the federal courts—at the slightest provocation."

"The citizenry must reaffirm its commitment to other and more informal dispute-resolution devices or it cannot rightly complain when the judiciary, like its sister branches, continues to increase in size in response to cries for more services," Bell said.

He urged strong support for Carter's plans to reduce the volume, complexity and cost of government regulations.

The regulations "are often written in defiance of the English language," Bell said. Many of them "have retarded our real economic growth by impairing our efforts to improve the productivity of labor and capital."

Bell said that the paperwork and compliance burden on smaller American businesses "is simply impossible, so that the net result is wholesale disobedience, which then breeds disrespect for the law generally."

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# 'Troubling Questions' Seen in Paisley's Death

By Blaine Harden  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee told the Justice Department yesterday that "a number of troubling questions remain" in the death of former CIA official John A. Paisley, whose body was found last October in Chesapeake Bay with a bullet in his head.

Committee Chairman Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), said in a letter to Attorney General Griffin Bell that the FBI should begin an immediate investigation into Paisley's death. Bayh ordered that the findings of the committee's own investigation be given to the Justice Department.

The senator said, however, that it would be "premature" to disclose any of the findings until the FBI has looked at the case. He said the information was given to Bell "because of

the FBI's primary jurisdiction over counterintelligence matters within the United States."

Paisley disappeared Sept. 24 after setting sail alone in his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig. Although the boat was found aground the next day, Paisley's bloated body, weighed down by two diving belts, was not recovered until a week later.

Maryland police still classify the death of the former director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research as "undetermined." Paisley's estranged wife Maryann, also a former CIA employee, has said she doubts that the body found in the bay was that of her husband. She has hired Bernard Fensterwald, a Washington attorney, to investigate her husband's disappearance.

Justice Department spokesman

Terry Adamson said Bell has ordered the FBI to examine the Senate committee's findings and the bureau's own information on Paisley's death. An assessment will be made "reasonably promptly" of the need for a full-scale FBI investigation, Adamson said.

Sen. William V. Roth (R-Del.), who first called for an investigation into Paisley's death, said yesterday that "a cloud of suspicion" still surrounds the case.

"The Paisley affair was all set to be swept under the carpet; fortunately it didn't sweep too well," Roth said.

Roth said he is concerned by "inconsistencies" in the way the CIA has answered questions about Paisley's access to classified information, including his knowledge of a top secret manual on the KH11 reconnaissance satel-

lite — which can monitor foreign troop and equipment movements by photographing them from space.

"The CIA said at first that Paisley had no access to sensitive documents. Of course he did," Roth said. Roth also said it was "inconsistent" that the CIA should claim that a high-level official such as Paisley would have nothing to do with the KH11 satellite.

Roth said that if a "junior watch officer" such as William P. Kampiles, convicted last November of selling satellite secrets to the Russians, had access to the KH11 information, then Paisley also would have had access.

Roth and some other senators have asked publicly if there is a link between Paisley's death and the theft from CIA headquarters in Langley of 14 top secret manuals describing the satellite system. The theft was discovered last August.

# Hill Panel Asks FBI Probe of Paisley Case

By Michael D. Davis  
Washington Star Staff Writer

The Senate Intelligence Committee today turned over its files on the death of former CIA official John A. Paisley to the Justice Department with a request that the FBI conduct a full probe into the case.

Paisley was found shot to death in the Chesapeake Bay last October.

Spencer Davis, a committee spokesman, said Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., sent the files to Attorney General Griffin Bell this morning after committee investigators "continued to have a number of troubling questions about Paisley's death."

Davis said the files included interviews conducted with the Coast Guard, the CIA, the FBI and the Maryland State Police, and with a number of Paisley's friends and family members.

HE SAID the committee asked the Justice Department to take over the investigation because the FBI has "primary jurisdiction in all cases involving counterintelligence."

"The committee found a number of questions that the FBI should be looking at," Davis said.

Paisley, 55, was a high-ranking CIA analyst whose specialty was Soviet military strength. He had also worked on the K-H11 Big Bird satellite program. Paisley retired from the agency

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in 1974, but several months after his formal retirement he rejoined it as a consultant.

Last September Paisley's 31-foot sailboat, the Brillig, was found aground in Chesapeake Bay. On Oct. 1 his body, wrapped in diver's weights, was found floating in the bay. He had been shot once in the head with a 9 mm pistol, similar to a pistol he was known to have kept aboard the Brillig.

The Maryland State Police conducted a lengthy investigation of Paisley's death but did not rule conclusively that it was a suicide. Though Maryland investigators have said they believe Paisley took his own life, the death is still carried officially as "undetermined."

Sources close to the investigation told The Washington Star today that the FBI has been specifically asked to investigate the access that Paisley had to highly classified documents.

The sources said that Senate investigators, who are convinced the analyst took his own life, may have been in possession of classified documents that he should not have taken from CIA headquarters in Langley.

**SHORTLY AFTER** Paisley's sloop was recovered by the Coast Guard, two CIA agents and Paisley's wife, who was also a contractual employee of the agency, went to his Washington apartment and removed several boxes of papers.

CIA agents also took custody of papers that were found on the Brillig, papers that they later confirmed related to his agency work. CIA offi-

cials initially contended that Paisley did not have access to highly classified materials and had not compromised himself with any foreign power.

But the agency later admitted that Paisley's work was "sensitive" and that he did work with materials that would have value to a foreign power.

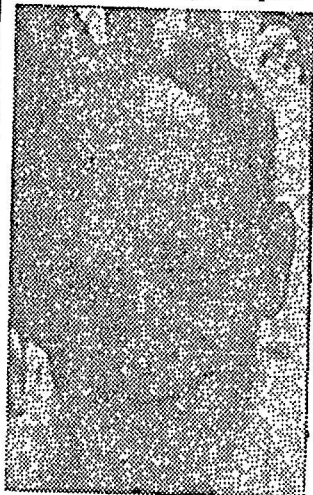
The source said the FBI has been asked to investigate the nature of the documents and agency papers that Paisley worked with. Several of Paisley's friends said it was not uncommon for the CIA analyst to take agency documents with him on sailing trips, because he often spent weekends working on the bay.

Davis said Bayh told Bell he wants the FBI to "stay in close touch with me" as the investigation progresses.

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### Doctors Affirm Findings

Two doctors said yesterday that they are convinced a body found in the Chesapeake Bay three months ago was that of former CIA official John Paisley, despite doubts expressed by



both Paisley's wife and the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Dr. Albert Brendes, a McLean, Va., dentist, identified a partial denture taken from the body as being one he made for Paisley. Maryland State Medical Examiner Russell Fischer also said he is sure the body was Paisley's.

The New York Post reported Wednesday that Paisley's estranged wife,

#### JOHN PAISLEY Question of identity

Mary Ann Paisley, "began to wonder about the body" when the FBI found a set of fingerprints, to use for identification after first saying Paisley's fingerprint file had been destroyed.

The Post also reported the Senate Intelligence Committee plans to continue its investigation into Paisley's death because of "apparent contradictions" about the identity of the body.

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## Police Think Paisley Death Was Suicide

By Stephanie Mansfield  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Former high-ranking CIA official John A. Paisley, whose body was found Oct. 1 in the Chesapeake Bay, probably committed suicide although investigators are still calling it an "undetermined death."

That is the opinion of Maryland State Police who have investigated Paisley's mysterious disappearance and death by gunshot. Paisley set sail alone in his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig, Sept. 24. Although the boat was found aground the next day, Paisley's bloated body, weighted down by two diving belts weighing a total of 38 pounds, was not recovered for a week.

"We have been unable to uncover any indication whatsoever of foul play involved with the death of Mr. Paisley," State Police Superintendent Thomas S. Smith said yesterday at a press conference at his headquarters in Pikesville.

Because of the bizarre circumstances surrounding Paisley's death, a team of seven state police investigators was assigned to the case.

Information uncovered by that team points to suicide, Smith said, but "we are still classifying this case as an undetermined death."

A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee, which began an independent inquiry into reported links between Paisley's death and missing CIA documents, said that investigation is continuing and results will be made public within two weeks.

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**Memorandum**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : [redacted]

DATE: 2/12/79

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE:

To submit for information and record copies of documents furnished by Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Staff derived from its inquiry into the death of captioned subject, a former CIA staff officer.

ACTION:

None. For information and record.

DETAILS:

Subject is former Deputy Director of Strategic Research, CIA, who retired 6/74 but continued affiliation with CIA in consultant capacity up to his death on or about the night of 9/24-25/78. SSCI conducted inquiry into subject's death, but referred the matter to the Attorney General (AG) by letter dated 1/23/79. Deputy AG, by memorandum 1/26/79, requested FBI to assess and analyze available facts regarding subject's death and submit views on further investigation deemed warranted.

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As follow-up to SSCI Chairman's letter, [redacted]  
[redacted] on 1/31/79 made available for  
SA [redacted] copies of the following documents  
for purpose of assessment and analysis:

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Autopsy report no. 78-1628 for John Paisley, from Calvert  
County, Maryland.

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Eight documents retrieved from Mrs. Paisley's home by CIA  
and identified as follows:

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TO : William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 26, 1979  
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FROM : Benjamin R. Civiletti *BRE*  
Deputy Attorney General

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Request from the Select Committee on Intelligence

The Attorney General has referred Chairman Birch Bayh's letter of January 23, 1979, concerning CIA officer John A. Paisley to me for handling. A copy of Chairman Bayh's letter is attached to this memorandum.

Please make an assessment and analysis of the available facts and issues concerning this matter and advise me of your views concerning criminal or counter-intelligence jurisdiction and the potential for inquiry. In an acknowledgment letter, I will advise Chairman Bayh that we have referred this matter to you for an assessment and analysis and that the Bureau will take up directly with his staff obtaining the information in the Committee's possession, which he offers to make immediately available to us in his letter.

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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 400, 91TH CONGRESS)

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IN REPLY PLEASE  
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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General  
Room 5111  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

For the past several weeks, pursuant to our oversight responsibilities under Senate Resolution 400, we have been reviewing the available facts concerning the recent death of former CIA officer John A. Paisley.

Our efforts have included briefings from the Coast Guard, the Maryland State Police, the CIA and the FBI, as well as interviews of several of Mr. Paisley's friends and associates and members of his family.

Based upon all the available information, a number of troubling questions remain. In view of the FBI's primary jurisdiction over counterintelligence matters within the United States, I have instructed our staff to see that all of our information is made immediately available to your people. I would appreciate your keeping me apprised with respect to your inquiry, so that we will not be duplicating any investigative steps which you might wish to take and so that we may determine what additional steps the Committee should take.

Your cooperation is appreciated. We stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

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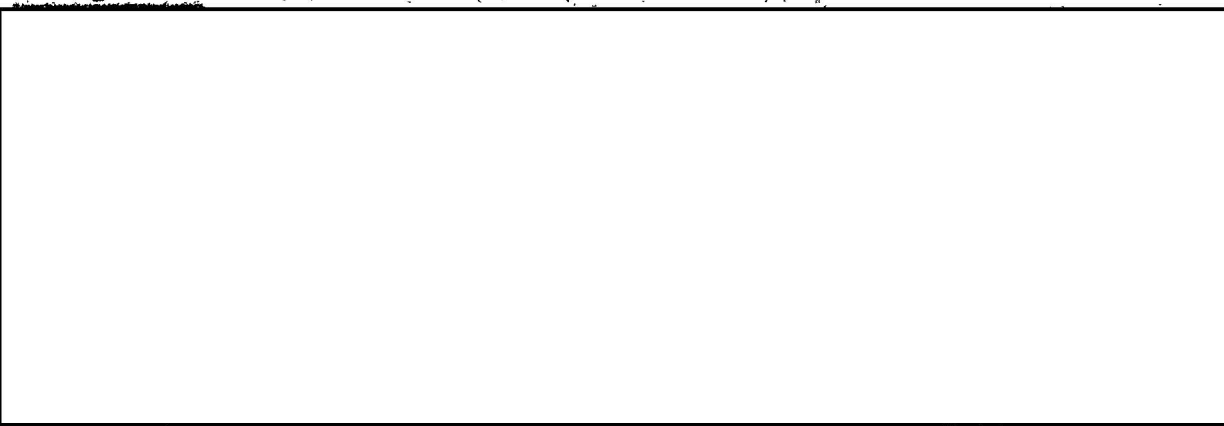
March 2, 1979

REQUEST OF SENATE SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (SSCI)  
Q. 26566

This memorandum is in response to a letter dated January 23, 1979, from U. S. Senator Birch Bayh, Chairman, SSCI, to the Attorney General, which advised of the availability of information collected by the SSCI Staff relative to the recent death of former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer John A. Paisley and requested to be kept apprised of any inquiry or investigative steps taken in regard to that matter. The FBI, having been furnished a copy of Senator Bayh's letter, has reviewed relevant information made available by the SSCI Staff and the CIA. This represents an FBI assessment and analysis of identifiable issues and available recorded facts relative to the circumstances of Paisley's death. (U)

Background

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1 - Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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1 - 62-117121 (SSCI)

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On October 1, 1978, one week following the last known contact with Paisley, a bloated and decomposed body was located in, and recovered from, the Chesapeake Bay east of Solomons Island. The body, with weighted diver's belts around the waist and chest and a gunshot wound to the head, subsequently was identified as that of John Arthur Paisley. (U)

Paisley's personal and professional activities, as well as the circumstances of his reported death, have been the subject of various news media speculations, the most notable and penetrating of which is an article that appeared in the January 7, 1979, edition of the New York Times Magazine captioned "The Missing C.I.A. Man," by Tad Szulc, who is identified as "a national-security-affairs writer based in Washington, D. C." In addition, the SSCI has identified certain "troubling questions" that remain consequent to its review of available facts in the Paisley death. The specific issues cited are such as to collectively lead to broader inferences of conspiracy, complicity, and/or cover-up on the part of the intelligence community: e.g., Is Paisley actually dead? Was his death a murder or a suicide? Was he targeted by, or clandestinely involved with, Soviet intelligence? Were classified CIA documents found in his possession? Was his boat equipped with espionage paraphernalia? etc. The pertinent and identifiable issues vis-a-vis statements of the available facts relevant to each are assessed as follows: (U)

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Q. 86566.

1. Issue:

Has it Paisley's body that was found floating  
in Chesapeake Bay? (U)

("The Missing C.I.A. Man" by Tad Szulc, New York Times Magazine,  
January 7, 1979, edition)

Statement of available facts:

The hands removed from the body found floating  
in the Chesapeake Bay on October 1, 1978, were submitted  
to the FBI Identification Division by the Chief Medical  
Examiner, State of Maryland, for a fingerprint examination.  
Fingerprints suitable for identification purposes were  
obtained from the fingers of the submitted hands and identified  
with fingerprints appearing on three cards in the Identification  
Division: A Personal Identification Fingerprint card  
submitted by the Phoenix (Arizona) Union High School on  
July 10, 1949, and bearing the name Jack Arthur Paisley,  
born August 25, 1923; a U. S. Navy Personal Identification  
fingerprint card dated December 16, 1941, bearing the  
name Jack Arthur Paisley, born August 25, 1923; and a  
U. S. Coast Guard Personal Identification fingerprint  
card dated September 29, 1950, bearing the name John A.  
Paisley, born August 25, 1923. A comparison of descriptive  
data recorded on the fingerprint cards with the personal  
history statement submitted by John Arthur Paisley on  
the occasion of his application for employment with the  
CIA determined they are entirely consistent. (U)

(Bufile 32-57; Latent Case NO. B-66399)

Assessment:

The body found floating in Chesapeake Bay on  
October 1, 1978, was that of John Arthur Paisley. (U)

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2. Issue:

Why was it initially reported that neither the CIA nor the FBI had a set of Paisley's fingerprints on record because a set submitted by the CIA to the FBI had been "inadvertently destroyed"? (U)

(The Missing C.I.A. Man," by Tad Szulc, New York Times Magazine, January 7, 1979, edition.)

Statement of available facts:

On October 3, 1978, inked impressions of the fingerprints on the severed hands were prepared by the FBI Identification Division. An attempt was then made by the Identification Division to locate a fingerprint card on retired CIA officer John Arthur Paisley. It was determined that the CIA, in January, 1954, had submitted a fingerprint card for Mr. Paisley, born August 25, 1925; however, that card had been purged from FBI files in the course of a routine destruction process during which fingerprint cards for certain classifications of applicants for U. S. Government positions are destroyed. (U)

A search was then made of personnel identification files, which are not subjected to routine purges, in the FBI Identification Division and the initial card for Jack Arthur Paisley was therein located. Using this civil fingerprint personal identification card, a positive identification of the fingerprints contained therein was made with the fingerprints taken from the hands of the unknown deceased person and the Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, was so advised by communication dated October 10, 1978. However, the descriptive data on the Jack Arthur Paisley fingerprint card had to be reconciled with background information contained in CIA's personnel file on John Arthur Paisley to insure the correctness of the identification with the fingerprints of the unknown deceased person. This was accomplished on January 11, 1979. At that time, a 3 x 5 card containing the Henry fingerprint classification for John Arthur Paisley, sent by the FBI to the CIA, was located in CIA files and determined to be identical to the Henry fingerprint classification for Jack Arthur Paisley. (U)

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As a consequence of further extensive searches by fingerprint characteristics in the fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division, the aforementioned U. S. Navy and U. S. Coast Guard Personal Identification fingerprint cards were located and identified with the fingerprints obtained from the fingers of the submitted hands. The Chief Medical Examiner, State of Maryland, was advised of these findings by communication dated January 22, 1970. (U)

(Bufiles 199-357 and 32-57; Latent Case No. B-66399)

Assessment:

While the delay in fingerprint identification is regrettable, no intentional, conspiratorial or otherwise questionable connotations are attached thereto. (U)

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3. Issues:

It has been alleged that Paisley was working on material related to one of the CIA's most sensitive intelligence projects, i.e., an evaluation of Soviet strategic nuclear capabilities, aboard his ship at the time of his disappearance. (U) ("The Missing C.I.A. Man," by Tad Szulc, New York Times Magazine, January 7, 1979, edition.)

Statement of available facts:

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Assessment:

The material found on Paisley's boat at the time of his disappearance, and subsequent thereto, was neither classified nor inconsistent with the responsibilities consequent to his CIA contractual relationship. (U)

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4. Issue:

Paisley's sloop, when it washed ashore, reportedly was equipped with a non-commercially available "burst transceiver," a radio device designed to secretly transmit and receive tons of thousands of words or signals a minute on a pre-set frequency. (U)

("The Missing C.I.A. Man," by Tad Szulc, New York Times Magazine, January 7, 1979, edition.)

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Based on the recorded descriptions of Paisley's radio equipment, a representative of the FBI's Technical Services Division, who likewise is familiar with intelligence communications and ham radio equipment, concurs with the observations proffered by the CIA technical personnel to the effect that none of the equipment found is designed for covert communications. The FBI representative further notes that Paisley, while not a personal acquaintance, was a fellow member of the Northern Virginia FM Association and his interest in amateur radio was well recognized among the membership of approximately 700 amateur radio operators. (U)

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(SA [redacted] TSD, FBIHQ, to SA [redacted] INTD, FBIHQ, 2/5/79)

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(CIA Security File re John A. Paisley, #74 058)

Assessment:

The radio equipment observed on Paisley's sloop, as described, is considered to be consistent with his long-standing sailing and amateur radio interests and devoid of any clandestine communications significance. (U)

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5. Issue:

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(SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas"; Bufile 199-357-3)

Statement of available facts:

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(Bufile 199-357-3 and 7)

A follow-up inquiry of the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) was initiated by the FBI and, on September 29, 1978, [REDACTED] U. S. Navy, Port Security Office, NIS Headquarters, consequent to his discussions with the U. S. Coast Guard, advised no Soviet vessels were in Chesapeake Bay during the period in question.

[REDACTED] did note that two Polish merchant vessels, the "Francis Zubrzycki" and the "General Stanislaw Poplawski," may have been in the Bay during the night of September 24, 1978. [REDACTED] further advised that contact with the U. S. Coast Guard determined the vessel to which [REDACTED] made reference was, in all likelihood, the "Francis Zubrzycki." (U) (Bufile 199-357-3)

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On February 6, 1979, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Naval Ocean Surveillance Information Center (NOSIC), confirmed the absence of any Soviet vessels in Chesapeake Bay, September 24-25, 1978, and advised the "General Stanislaw Poplawski" departed the Port of Baltimore at 8:30 a.m., September 22, 1978; destined for

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Rottterdam (Netherlands), and is believed to have cleared the Chesapeake Bay entrance in the late evening hours of the same day. [redacted] further related the "Francis Zubrzycki" sailed from Wilmington, North Carolina, approximately 4:30 p.m., September 23, 1978; arrived at Baltimore, Maryland, about 8:00 p.m., September 24, 1978; and departed Baltimore approximately 6:00 p.m., September 25, 1978, also destined for Rotterdam. (U)

(Telephonic inquiry by SA [redacted] INTD, FBIHQ, 2/6/79)

Commander John A. Blanchard, Executive Officer, Marine Safety Office, U. S. Coast Guard, Baltimore, Maryland, on February 7, 1979, advised his records indicated the "Francis Zubrzycki" entered the Chesapeake Bay 12:05 p.m., September 24, 1978, at Cape Henry (Virginia), where it was boarded by [redacted] Association of Marine Pilots, for the journey up the Bay. Commander Blanchard further related the vessel arrived at North Point, Baltimore Harbor, approximately 8:15 p.m., September 24, 1978; and the American pilot, [redacted] stayed with the vessel to the anchorage number 3 location, approximately one-half mile from the Dundalk Terminals in Baltimore Harbor. (U)

(Telephonic inquiry by SA [redacted] INTD, FBIHQ, 2/7/79)

The aforementioned [redacted] on February 8, 1979, advised the "Francis Zubrzycki" did not make any stops between Cape Henry and Baltimore; and nobody boarded or disembarked the vessel between those two locations. (U)

(Telephonic inquiry by SA [redacted] INTD, FBIHQ, 2/8/79)

Regarding the allegation of an unusual amount of communications traffic emanating from the Soviet summer residence (at Pioneer Point, Maryland) during the night of September 24-25, 1978, an FBI inquiry was made of the U. S. Coast Guard to determine the basis thereof. On October 3, 1978, [redacted] Intelligence Branch, U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, advised that, based on his same day contact with the Coast Guard communications facility at Norfolk, Virginia, he determined communications traffic from the Soviet establishment located at Pioneer Point, Maryland, is not targeted by the U. S. Coast Guard; and the U. S. Coast Guard only monitors shipping and boating frequencies as required by U. S. Coast Guard regulations. (U) (Bufile 199-357-12)

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By communication dated February 8, 1979, and in response to further FBI inquiry, Captain R. L. Cook, Chief, Intelligence and Security Division, U. S. Coast Guard, furnished the following extracts taken from official Coast Guard SAR CASE NOTES prepared by [redacted] U. S. Coast Guard Operation Center Controller, Fifth Coast Guard District, Portsmouth, Virginia, on September 25, 1977: (U)

1740 hours from - "Group Baltimore - ask OIL if a CW (short wave) transmitter which fits in a brief case and is hooked up to antennas on S/V along with what appears to be some type of code book is of any interest to anyone - across from Cove Point, MD., there's a summer home (camp ground) owned by Russian Embassy - SIV's appear to transmit in this area when transiting bay." (U)

2256 hours from - [redacted] - CIA- on CW short wave transmitter located and information on Cove Point Russian summer area and SIV information." (U)

The communication from Captain R. L. Cook further noted the reference to SIV's (Special Interest Vessel) transmitting in this (Cove Point, Maryland) area was determined to be based on hearsay; and there is no knowledge by the Coast Guard of an SIV communicating to a shore unit on the evening in question. (U)

Assessment:

There is no basis in fact to the allegations that, on the night of Paisley's disappearance, a Soviet vessel was proceeding up Chesapeake Bay or an unusual amount of communications traffic emanated from the Soviet summer residence on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. (U)

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6. Issue:

Current top secret CIA documents reportedly  
were found in Paisley's apartment at 1500 Massachusetts  
Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. (U)

(Nuclear Arms Expert's Death Believed Tied to CIA Breach," by Tad Szulc,  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, January 26, 1979; SSCI document Q.#7039  
re "Problem Areas")

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7. Issue:

Current top secret CIA documents reportedly were found in Paisley's office at a public accountant's firm where he held an administrative post in the last five months of his life. (U)

("Nuclear Arms Expert's Death Believed Tied to CIA Breach," by Tad Szulc, St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, January 26, 1979; SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas")

Statement of available facts:

Excepting news media reports, there is no record of any classified material having been found in Paisley's office at the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand (1800 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.). Mrs. Paisley, on November 3, 1978, made available for review by the SSCI Staff a telephone list finder reportedly retrieved from her husband's apartment by an unidentified employee of Coopers & Lybrand; subsequently turned over to the Maryland State Police by the accounting firm; and thereafter given to Mrs. Paisley as an item of her deceased husband's personal effects.

[redacted] has requested Referral/Consultation on the need and authority for the retired Paisley to possess such information; the appropriate security classification of the data; and whether or not the manner of discovery constitutes unauthorized disclosure of classified information. (U)

(SSCI Staff briefing to FBIHQ, INTD representatives, 1/31/79; SSCI documents Q.#6152 and Q.#7039)

The SSCI Staff provided some, albeit incomplete background to this issue during a briefing of FBI Intelligence Division representatives on January 31, 1979. Reportedly, one [redacted] who was Paisley's [redacted] at the Coopers & Lybrand firm and also serves on the NEAP, was upset that Paisley did not show up for an important meeting at the firm on Monday morning, September 25, 1978. [redacted] according to his statements to the SSCI Staff,

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was counting on Paisley's support at the scheduled meeting and therefore sent an employee (not further identified) to Paisley's apartment in an attempt to locate him. The employee somehow (not further explained) gained admittance to the apartment and, not finding Paisley there, returned to the firm with Paisley's Rolldex and Dates List Finder, which he apparently thought might provide additional leads to how and/or where Paisley might be located. Subsequently (date not specified), the Maryland State Police contacted the Coopers & Lybrand firm for any information that might assist in its investigation of Paisley's death and the two items were given to the Maryland State Police. Still later (not further specified), the two items were given to Mrs. Paisley, who in turn made them available to the SSCI Staff. (U) (SSCI Staff briefing to FBIHQ, INTD representatives, 1/31/79)

The SSCI Staff, in communicating its security concerns to the [REDACTED]

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Review of a copy of Paisley's list finder, made available by the SSCI Staff on January 31, 1979, determined the questionable names and numbers denoted therein are set out as follows: (U)

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3. Issue:

Paisley's relationship with Yuri I. Nosenko, a Soviet KGB defector, is a troubling question that (unidentified) government officials believe should be further explored by the FBI. (U)

("Nuclear Arms Expert's Death Believed Tied to CIA Breach," by Tad Szulc, St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, January 26, 1979; SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas.")

Statement of available facts:

Referral/Consult

Tad Szulc's article in the January 7, 1979, issue of the New York Times Magazine alleges that Paisley, during the 1960s, participated in debriefings of Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, "the most senior K.G.B. defector in the United States";

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[REDACTED] (U) (CIA Security File re John A. Paisley #74 058; SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas")

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Assessment:

There is no official, recorded basis for the  
allegation of a relationship between Paisley and Nosenko. (U)

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9. Issue:

Could Paisley have known he was due for an up-dated  
security investigation by CIA? (U)  
(SSCI Document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas")

Statement of available facts:

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Assessment:

On the basis of available information, it cannot be determined whether or not Paisley became aware that he was due for an up-dated security investigation; however, the chances of him determining such, in the one or two weeks prior to his death, are considered remote. (U)

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10. Issue:

Did Paisley maintain an unusual mailing address  
in England and, if so, why? (U)

(SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas")

Statement of available facts:

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While this issue was cited as a "problem area"  
by the SSCI Staff in material referred to the FBI on  
February 1, 1970, [REDACTED]

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Assessment:

Paisley obviously had a mailing address in England during the 1970-1971 time frame, as he then lived in London and attended the Imperial Defence College there. Whether or not he utilized the APO facilities at RAF Greenham Common Air Station, Newbury, England, during the same time period has not been determined and there does not appear to be any logical reason for making such a determination. If he did utilize the APO facilities there, as alleged by a news reporter, one might speculate on a myriad of personal reasons for him doing so. In the absence of any credible information indicative of Paisley maintaining such a mailing address for illegal purposes, resolution of this allegation is not deemed warranted. (U)

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11. Issue:

Did Paisley ever live and work in the Soviet  
Union? (U)

Statement of available facts:

In an article appearing in the March, 1979,  
issue of Penthouse magazine, captioned "The Spy Who Never  
Was" and authored by the aforementioned Joe Trento, it is  
alleged that, following his World War II service in the  
Merchant Marine, Paisley was recruited into the Office  
of Strategic Services and spent two winters in Murmansk  
to gain fluency in the Russian language and become acquainted  
with the Soviet bureaucracy. Author Trento further speculates,  
"Perhaps in those friendly wartime days in Murmansk, a  
relationship was established with the Russians that explains  
what happened to John Paisley while he was on the water  
he so enjoyed." (U)

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Assessment:

There is no basis in fact to the allegation  
that Paisley ever lived or worked in the Soviet Union. (U)

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12. Issue:

How does one [ ] figure into the  
circumstances surrounding the disappearance and/or death  
of Paisley? (U)  
(SSCI document Q.#7039 re "Problem Areas")

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Statement of available facts:

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On September 29, 1978, Taylor advised the FBI's  
Washington Field Office of the following additional calls  
received from the individual identifying himself as

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Shortly after 8:00 a.m. (on September 29, 1978) the Assistant Editor, Kenneth Eichenborry (phonetic) was told by [ ] that they (apparently the Moslem Council of War) had kidnapped a CIA agent named John Tayale (phonetic). At approximately 10:00 a.m. the same day, Taylor received a second call from [ ] and was told that John Paisley, CIA agent, had been seized by one of their commando units in the Chesapeake Bay area. [ ] said Paisley was valuable to them for identification of Zionist agents in other countries. On behalf of his group he demanded the release of all Muslim prisoners; a million dollars in cash; and Henry Kissinger (former Secretary of State) be turned over to them. He stated a specific time and date (for compliance with the demands) would be called in later and that he wanted this action to be published and widely circulated. He concluded with the remark that this (action) was no joke; it was not a game; and it affected the fate of Islam. (U) (Bufile 199-357-2)

Assessment:

The first call to the Washington Star-News by the individual calling himself [ ] on September 21, 1978, was received immediately following news broadcasts by three major networks of the Camp David summit accords. The second and third calls, on September 29, 1978, were received subsequent to publication of an article in the Washington Post newspaper that same day on Paisley's disappearance. The calls were, and are, assessed as crank calls. (U)

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13. Issue:

Was Paisley's death the result of suicide or  
homicide? (U)

("The Missing C.I.A. Man," by Tad Szulc, New York Times Magazine,  
January 7, 1979, edition)

Statement of available facts:

The official autopsy report (Number 78-1622)  
of the Department of Post Mortem Examiners, State of Maryland,  
signed by [redacted]

and Russell S. Fisher, M. D., Chief Medical Examiner, records  
the opinion that John Paisley died of a penetrating gunshot  
wound to the head and the manner of death is undetermined.

[redacted] Maryland State Police, advised on  
October 3, 1978, that the attending Pathologist, Dr. Fisher,  
is of the belief that Paisley's death was probably a suicide,  
even though the official report indicates manner of death  
as undetermined; and the Maryland State Police were not  
conducting a homicide investigation. (U)

The autopsy report states that Paisley's death  
was caused by a close range gunshot wound to the left  
side of the head; the entrance wound showed "... clusters  
of yellow-brown crystalline pigment compatible with gunpowder  
residue"; a large caliber, jacketed, deformed missile  
was found within the liquid brain substance; and the (missile's)  
jacket was recovered at the entrance wound. [redacted]

[redacted] noted, on October 3, 1978, that Paisley reportedly  
was ambidextrous, but performed most tasks left-handed  
except writing. [redacted] further noted Maryland State Police  
investigators located a nine millimeter steel jacketed  
live round on Paisley's suitcase and two additional, similar  
rounds at his residence; and determined Paisley was the  
owner of an automatic weapon of either .32 or nine millimeter  
caliber. [redacted]

[redacted] Maryland State Police,  
told the SSCI Staff on October 19, 1978, that Paisley  
was known to have been in possession of a nine millimeter  
weapon a week before his death, as he tried to sell it.  
No weapon, however, was recovered in the course of their  
investigation. (U)

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A Maryland State Police Laboratory Services Report (PS-118), dated October 13, 1979, sets out results of comparative examination of one of the (recovered) nine millimeter bullets (Winchester-Western (W-W) Luger or (Parabellum)) and the spent projectile (from Paisley's head). The measured dimensions of the land and groove impressions (on the spent jacket and bullet core) were determined to be comparable with numerous makes of nine millimeter automatic pistols; the bullet jacket (of the spent projectile) was determined to be of the same type as that of the loaded cartridge submitted; and certain die marks on the solid metal bases of each were matched, indicating the possibility of their being from the same manufactured line. (U)

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Tad Szulc's article in the New York Times Magazine of January 7, 1979, relates motivational clues to a suicide are missing, since he (Paisley) reportedly was in good health and free of financial problems. Nevertheless, available investigative results and comments of his associates belie the absoluteness of Szulc's commentary. (U)

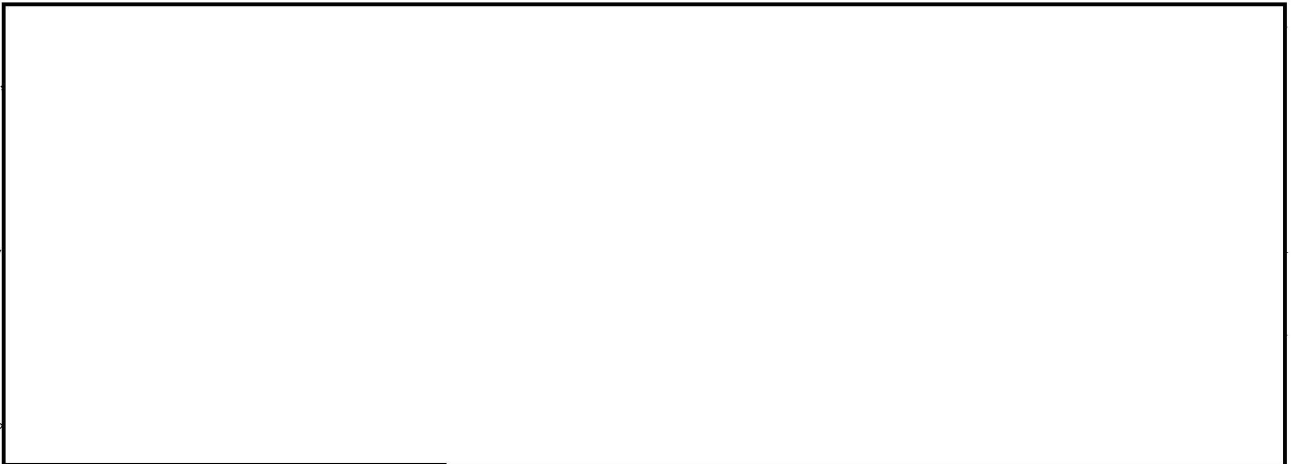
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own belief system; and graduate training in inter-  
personal relationships. (U)

(Telephonic inquiry of Lifespring, Inc., by SA [redacted]  
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Assessment:

While this issue cannot be resolved conclusively,  
there is no evidence and little more than speculative  
information upon which to base a homicide theory. The  
news media in general, and Tad Szulc in particular,

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have questioned why, if Paisley did in fact commit suicide, he attempted to prevent discovery of the body by wearing the weighted diver's belts. The possibility is herein submitted that Paisley, an analyst by profession, simply took the added measure of ensuring death, either by the initial gunshot or by subsequent drowning. (U)

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Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing reviews and assessments of available facts pertinent to each identified issue, it is concluded that no credible evidence exists to suspect John Arthur Paisley's death was other than a suicide. It is also concluded that no credible evidence exists to suspect John Arthur Paisley was, or might have been, engaged in espionage, sabotage, terrorist or clandestine intelligence activities pursuant to the direction of a foreign power; or that he was, or might have been, the target of a foreign intelligence service or terrorists acting pursuant to the direction of a foreign power. Thus, there are no specific and articulable facts upon which to base an FBI investigation of the death of John Arthur Paisley. (U)

NOTE:

Paragraph classifications herein coordinated with  
[redacted] Operations Support Branch, Security  
Support Division, CIA, on 2/26/79 by [redacted]  
CI-1 Section, INTD. (S) (u)

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Date 3/13/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (199-357)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (199-32) -C-

SUBJECT: JOHN ARTHUR PAISLEY, (DECEASED)  
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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Re telcal from SA [redacted] FBIHQ,  
 to SA [redacted] Silver Spring  
 Resident Agency, 2/21/79.

SA [redacted] advised that FBIHQ had learned that [redacted] employee who performs [redacted] was robbed at his Silver Spring residence 10/13/78. The robber commented during the robbery about "The recent death on the bay. It was no accident." [redacted] assumed the robber was referring to PAISLEY. SA [redacted] requested the details be obtained.

On 2/21/79, [redacted] Silver Spring Station, Montgomery County Department of Police (MCDP), Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he investigated the robbery and furnished the following details:

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At 9:15 p.m., 10/13/78, [redacted]  
his wife [redacted] and his 20-year-old son [redacted]  
[redacted] returned to their upper middle class, single  
family residence, [redacted] *ml.*  
telephone [redacted] upon entering, they were held at  
gunpoint by a white male, who tied them up and ransacked  
the residence. The following items were reported stolen:

1978 Plymouth  
Maryland license [redacted]  
(not recovered);

.35 mm. camera;

\$150.00 cash;

\$3,000.00 in travelers checks;

3 passports;

miscellaneous inexpensive jewelry.

Shortly after the robbery, several of the  
stolen travelers checks were cashed by MORRIS (NMN)  
ZIMBERG, W/M, born 5/10/14, MCDP ID #22622, residing  
10126 New Hampshire Avenue, Apartment 106, Silver  
Spring, Maryland. ZIMBERG was arrested for Possession  
of Stolen Property. ZIMBERG denied participating in  
the robbery, stating he obtained the travelers checks  
from [redacted] and [redacted]

The [redacted] family subsequently identified  
[redacted] through a photo spread as the robber, and he  
was charged with the robbery on 11/22/78. [redacted]  
was being held at that time in the Montgomery County  
Detention Center following his arrest on 11/9/78 for  
Possession of Drugs and Resisting Arrest. At the present  
time, efforts are being made to afford [redacted] a  
mental examination. [redacted] refused to make any  
statements concerning the robbery. There was insufficient  
evidence to charge [redacted] with the robbery.

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[redacted]: (father)

"Don't give me any trouble. You people may have heard about a death in the bay a few weeks ago. Well, that was no accident."

[redacted]: (wife)

"Just remember the man found in the bay."

[redacted]: (20-year-old son)

"You heard that someone drown in the bay. Well, that was no accident."

On 3/13/79, [redacted] advised that the stabbed body of MORRIS ZIMBERG was found in the bathtub of his Silver Spring residence on 3/6/79. [redacted] and [redacted] were both incarcerated at the time of the murder. The police department has the murder under investigation.

On 3/13/79, SA [redacted] furnished all the above information to [redacted] Commander, Intelligence Division, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. O. Cregar *WOB*

DATE: 3/28/79

FROM :  *ec/rae*

SUBJECT: JOHN ARTHUR PAISLEY (DECEASED)  
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING

## PURPOSE:

To advise of additional allegation that subject's death may have been consequence of homicide and results of BA Division's inquiries relative thereto.

## ACTION:

None. For information and record.

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## DETAILS:

Memorandum from the Director to Deputy Attorney General (AG) Benjamin R. Civiletti, 3/2/79, captioned "United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)," forwarded LHM setting forth analytical review and assessment of issues raised by SSCI Staff and news media vis-a-vis available facts concerning subject's death, as well as FBI observations/recommendations regarding additional investigation. LHM, which was submitted pursuant to stated requests of Deputy AG and for transmittal to SSCI, cited lack of credible evidence to suspect subject's death was other than a suicide and lack of

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specific and articulable facts upon which to base FBI investigation of subject's death. Paisley, former CIA officer, disappeared 9/24-25/78 and his body was recovered from Chesapeake Bay on 10/1/78.

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[REDACTED]

Inquiry of MCDP by Silver Spring RA, BA Division, on 2/21/79, determined robbery victims [REDACTED] his wife [REDACTED], and his 20-year-old son [REDACTED] identified the robber from photo spread as [REDACTED] w/m, DOB [REDACTED] at Cumberland, Md., SSAN [REDACTED] MCDP [REDACTED] then being held in Montgomery County Detention Center following 11/9/78 arrest for Possession of Drugs and Resisting Arrest, was charged with the robbery on 11/22/78; however, he refused to make any statements concerning the robbery. MCDP Investigating officer recalled victims' reports of statement made by [REDACTED] about death on the bay, but attached no significance thereto because [REDACTED] was known to MCDP as small time local burglar with drug habit..

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Robbery victims [REDACTED] and spouse [REDACTED] interviewed by Silver Spring RA on 2/27/79 and furnished their recollections, as well as recorded recollection of son [REDACTED] as to comment made by robber. While none recalled comment exactly the same, all three concurred in the recollection that it was a short comment about the body in the bay, without any mention of Paisley by name, and they made no response to the robber's comment. However, [REDACTED] immediately took the comment as a threatening reference to publicity about Paisley's body being found in the bay shortly before the robbery and he and his son understood the robber to say, "... Well, that was no accident."

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Silver Spring RA furnished foregoing information to [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Md., in view of that agency's investigative jurisdiction in Paisley death. No further FBI

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action deemed warranted as analytical review and assessment submitted to Deputy AG regarding identifiable issues and available facts of Paisley's death not considered subject to change on basis of foregoing information.



THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

April 4, 1979

TO: William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Benjamin R. Civiletti *BR/ped*  
Deputy Attorney General

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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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March 28, 1979

Honorable Birch Bayh  
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United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

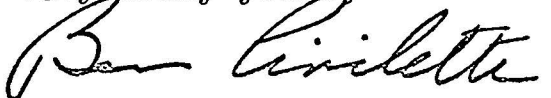
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Dear Chairman Bayh:

As you will recall from my interim reply letter of January 26, 1979, Attorney General Bell referred to me your letter of January 23, 1979, regarding former CIA Officer John A. Paisley. I asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make an assessment and analysis of all the available facts and issues concerning the matter, both from a criminal and counterintelligence view. Representatives of the FBI met with the Committee staff to discuss the matter and did obtain pertinent Committee information and questions from them.

I have reviewed the assessment and analysis which the Bureau has completed, and I enclose the complete original classified memorandum from the Bureau. The Bureau's conclusions regarding Mr. Paisley's death appear to be a sound assessment and analysis of the essential issues.

Very truly yours



Benjamin R. Civiletti  
Deputy Attorney General

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*Six months later*

# New evidence clouds Paisley 'suicide' verdict

By TOM NUGENT and STEVE PARKS  
Sun Staff Correspondents

Washington—Six months after the body of a former CIA nuclear weapons expert, John Arthur Paisley, was found floating in the Chesapeake Bay, new evidence, together with misleading statements about Mr. Paisley's role with the government, tend to cast doubt on investigators' verdict of "apparent suicide" in the case.

This evidence includes a firsthand account by a United States coast guardsman who says that he saw an opened package of lunch meat, a container of mustard and a knife smeared with mustard lying on a sink-top counter in the Brillig, Mr. Paisley's 34-foot sloop.

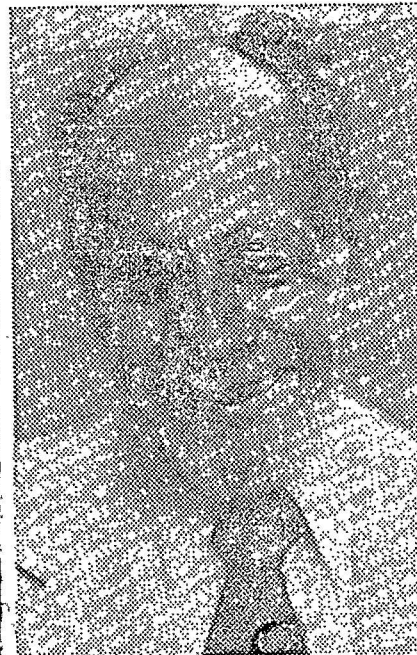
In addition to the food, the coast guardsman, who requested his identity not be revealed, said he saw a sailing chart, located near the sloop's wheel, on which a sailing-course had been partially mapped out, as well as a life preserver that had been left alongside.

"It looked to me like he had been interrupted in the middle of lunch," said the coast guardsman. "It looked like he had filled in part of the chart and then had decided to get something to eat. So he took off his life preserver and went below, down to the galley."

The witness was one of two guardsmen who were the first people to board the deserted Brillig a few hours after it was found washed ashore at Point Look In, near the mouth of the Potomac River in St. Marys county, last September 25.

In addition to this account, a three-month Sun investigation has produced new evidence that indicates a struggle may have taken place aboard the Brillig in the hours before Mr. Paisley's disappearance.

That evidence includes a statement by Mr. Paisley's widow, Maryann, who visited the sloop soon after it was found and who said that "a table had been pulled away from the wall. Several screws had been pulled loose, and it was tilted at an angle which would have made it impossible to use." Mr. Paisley, according to several sources, was writing a report during



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... body found in bay.

his final sailing excursion, and the table was the only adequate writing surface aboard.

The Maryland State Police, whose investigation concluded that Mr. Paisley's death was an "apparent suicide," earlier said that one witness—an intelligence colleague of his who has since left for Australia—told them the table had been pulled loose from the wall months before the Central Intelligence Agency analyst's disappearance.

But another witness interviewed b

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*The Sun*—a young woman who was a guest aboard the Brillig one week before Mr. Paisley vanished—recalls that meals were served on the same table during her stay aboard.

"The table was working during our sailing trip; we had it up for meals and I also remember it folded up against the wall," said the guest.

In addition to these accounts, no fewer than six high-level government sources—at least one of whom worked directly with Mr. Paisley on top-secret projects—have told *The Sun* that, at the time of his death, Mr. Paisley—who had been described by the CIA as a "part-time consultant with a very limited access to classified information"—actually was engaged in analyzing extremely sensitive, top-secret documents dealing with American assessments of Soviet nuclear capability.

"I found the initial reports [after Mr. Paisley's death] that Paisley had only limited access to classified documents shocking," said a former, high-level staffer on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) who had earlier worked closely with Mr. Paisley on projects involving top-secret, CIA estimates of Soviet weaponry. "In fact, I was surprised that the agency would even try to pander that sort of information.

"There is no question that Paisley, at the time of his death, had access to highly classified intelligence information."

The former PFIAB staff member said that Mr. Paisley, who had served as CIA deputy director of the Office of Strategic Research until his official retirement from the agency in 1974, had continued to work on top-secret projects as a \$200-a-day consultant until he disappeared on the night of September 24-25, 1978.

"Paisley was involved, all along, in highly sensitive estimates of Soviet capability," said the ex-PFIAB official. "And this wasn't academic, outside stuff; it would have been the nitty-gritty."

Intelligence sources, both inside and outside the CIA, meanwhile, contend that the agency misled investigators about the nature of Mr. Paisley's work at the time of his disappearance. "The agency is flat-out lying," said one source. "Paisley was never not involved in something big."

Mr. Paisley's death was ruled an apparent suicide by the Maryland State Police—the only governmental agency that so far has investigated the case—a few weeks after the badly decomposed body of the 55-year-old weapons analyst was pulled from the Chesapeake Bay, about 2 miles southeast of the Patuxent River October 1.

The victim, shot once behind the left ear with a 9-millimeter pistol, was found with two belts containing 39 pounds of diving weights attached to his waist.

The State Police, who entered the case soon after the body was found, identified the body as Mr. Paisley's on the basis of dental records and fingerprints.

But the State Police investigation was marred by several anomalies and inconsistencies of fact:

- Both the FBI and the CIA were unable to locate a set of Mr. Paisley's fingerprints for more than a week after the discovery of the body. ("Frankly, that strikes me as incredible," one high-level member of the intelligence community later remarked. "I've worked for some of these agencies, myself, and I know for a fact that every time you get a new clearance for classified information, they take your prints again. In fact, it got to be a pain in the neck: Every time you turned around, it was time to take your fingerprints. They must have had a dozen sets of Paisley's prints.")

- At the time Paisley's body surfaced, however, both the FBI and the CIA said that his fingerprints had been "lost." The fingerprint identification was not made until about a week after the discovery of the body. The FBI said that the prints had been misfiled; the only available set of prints had been filed under the name of "Jack" Paisley and had been taken when the weapons expert was 17 years old.

- The shooting death took place in the absence of witnesses, and the body, which was decomposed beyond recognition, was cremated in a CIA-approved funeral home without ever having been observed by anyone who knew Mr. Paisley.

- Both Mr. Paisley's boat and his Washington apartment were searched by CIA representatives soon after the discovery of the body. By the time the State Police came on the scene (after the body was

found) the original evidence had been tampered.

- No traces of blood or brain fragments were found aboard the Brillig. Thus, the suicide verdict requires one to believe that Mr. Paisley either shot himself while standing on the edge of the boat (so that the shell casing, the pistol, and the blood and brain fragments fell overboard with him), or that he shot himself while in the water and while wearing 39 pounds of diving weights.

- When the deserted boat was discovered, the wheel was unlocked and the ship-to-shore radio was still playing. Mr. Paisley's widow, who says that she sailed for years with her husband, insists that he was a meticulous sailor who would never have left these chores untended: "Even if he had been under emotional duress, he would have locked that wheel by instinct."

- The first people to be contacted after the discovery of the Brillig were officials at the CIA and at the Washington accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, where Mr. Paisley had been working as an administrative aide for about six months. The accounting firm, headed by K. Wayne Smith, a former Defense Department weapons expert who has served on the National Security Council and who has performed weapons-analysis work for both the Pentagon and the Rand Corporation, immediately dispatched one of its employees to Mr. Paisley's apartment, No. 847, at 1500 Massachusetts avenue, N.W.

After being admitted by the landlady, the employee searched the apartment and took away a Rolodex telephone book that contained numbers listed by Mr. Paisley.

The CIA, meanwhile, sent representatives to both the Brillig and the apartment; they confiscated a briefcase full of papers that they found aboard the boat and examined other papers located in the apartment.

All of these steps were taken before Mr. Paisley's family—he had two grown children, in addition to his estranged wife, Maryann—was notified that the boat had been found; Mrs. Paisley says she was not contacted until about 11 P.M. (the boat was discovered around 11 A.M.).

- Mr. Paisley's girlfriend, Betty Myers, reported in the days immediately following the discovery of the body, that

he had earlier sold the 9-millimeter pistol that he kept aboard his boat. (The State Police decided that she had misunderstood Mr. Paisley, however—that he had attempted to sell the gun, but actually had failed to find a buyer.)

• Mr. Paisley's wife (the couple had been separated for about two years prior to the disappearance) and several other people who knew him well insist that he was in good spirits just before his disappearance. "He called me up that weekend," said Mrs. Paisley in a later interview. "He said that he was thinking about going sailing—but that if he didn't, we'd have dinner together."

"My feeling is that something very sinister is happening. From the beginning, I've thought that I was up against something I couldn't do alone. John was an ethical man—he would never do this [commit suicide without an explanation] to his children."

"My own feeling is that if I drop this [her own private investigation—she recently hired Washington attorney Bernard Fensterwald for this purpose], I will be letting him down."

Most of the questions about Mr. Paisley's disappearance have focused, in recent months, on his participation in an extremely sensitive and controversial 1976 intelligence project, known as the "Team A-Team B Experiment."

That experiment was launched after White House experts on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board convinced CIA officials that the agency's yearly evaluations of Soviet military capability should be tested by comparing them with evaluations made by experts outside the CIA.

After agreeing reluctantly to the proposal, early in 1976, the CIA named Mr. Paisley to serve as coordinator between the agency's A Team—its own, "in-house" weapons-analysis group—and the B Team, which was composed of three different groups of outside experts and which was chaired by Richard Pipes, head of Harvard University's Russian Institute.

"It was Paisley who developed the list of people who would serve on the B Team," says a former PFIAB White House staffer. "It was his job to get these guys clearance . . . to discuss their back-

grounds with us. Then, after the team had been selected, he would schedule the briefings. He shaped the entire process. He made the arrangements for CIA couriers to bring classified information from the A Team to the B Team.

"And he liked that work. He was really enthusiastic. When I first met him, in the early going, he used to talk all the time about getting back to his sailboat and doing more sailing. It seemed at times like his work was interfering with his sailing. But then later he really got into it, and he worked like hell on it."

When the B Team finally released its report, however, Mr. Paisley found himself caught up in a swirling controversy. For one thing, the report was—at least in part—highly critical of the CIA's in-house evaluations (the "National Intelligence Estimates") of the Soviet military threat.

For another thing, the experiment had been compromised by serious leaks to the press of some of the classified information that had been fed—by Mr. Paisley and his aides—to the B Team.

The controversy was further heightened by its timing, occurring as it did while the U.S. government was in the middle of preparing its negotiating position for the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT II) with the Soviet Union.

At the time of his death, Mr. Paisley had been engaged in writing a "retrospective analysis" of the 1976 B Team experiment for an in-house CIA publication.

His report, according to intelligence sources, was to have focused on the recruiting methods and organizational procedures used during the experiment. Presumably, it also would have discussed the damaging leaks to the press.

But that report was never completed; the papers that were found in the briefcase aboard the Brillig contained Mr. Paisley's scrawled notes on the history of the project.

The high-level intelligence sources interviewed by *The Sun* strongly doubt that Mr. Paisley could have been killed because of his involvement in the B Team project. They point out that disagreements between different elements in the American intelligence community form a routine part of the process of analyzing military intelligence.

But these sources do not discount the possibility that Mr. Paisley might have been killed because he discovered a source of intelligence leaks to the Soviet Union or because he might himself have been involved in such leaks.

In assessing such possibilities, one former high-level staffer at PFIAB suggests a complicated, intriguing scenario—one that illustrates, compellingly, the difficulties involved in attempting to unravel incidents like the one involving John Paisley and the CIA.

First, the ex-PFIAB staffer points out that the disappearance of John Paisley coincided with the start of a trial in Newark N.J., in which two Soviet agents, Valdik A. Enger and Rudolf P. Chernayayev, were convicted and sentenced to 50 years in prison for attempting to buy antisubmarine secrets from a naval officer. The defense alleged in the trial that the naval officer, Lt. Cmdr. Arthur Lindberg, was planted by the FBI in an attempt to trap the Russian agents in an espionage offense.

"Look at it this way," says the former staff member, "the KGB has just gotten lured into this set-up; they'd gotten trapped."

"And now, here comes John Paisley. He's just left his job at the agency [in 1974], and he's left it on a low since a lot of people were blaming his department for the underestimates of Soviet military strength up until then."

"So he's depressed. In addition, he's in the middle of an ugly divorce. . . . Now, here's a man who speaks fluent Russian . . . who loves Russian music, Russian food. . . . And he moves into that apartment house on Mass. avenue—an apartment house where there are already eight Russians, employees from the Soviet Embassy, living. . . ."

"It's another set-up. They've got to figure that the agency is 'trailing' [offering Paisley as a likely double-agent, a man who might be willing to betray his colleagues] the guy . . . hoping to lure them into another trap."

"And so they decide to teach the agency a lesson. They decide to make it clear that if the CIA wants to play this game, they're going to have to pay a high price for it."



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UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 24, 1979, which forwarded a copy of a letter to the Deputy Attorney General from United States Senators Birch Bayh and Barry Goldwater, Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the SSCI; and requested this Bureau to address each of the Senators' questions relative to our application of counterintelligence guidelines, or lack thereof, in conducting an assessment of the available facts and issues concerning the death of retired CIA officer John A. Paisley.

Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum, classified "Secret," which addresses the two essential questions raised by Senators Bayh and Goldwater: i.e., whether or not the FBI, in accordance with provisions of the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Foreign Intelligence Collection and Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations, exercised its authority to conduct a preliminary inquiry relative to Paisley's death; and whether or not the Guidelines apply to inquiries regarding past activities of deceased persons. The memorandum is submitted pursuant to your request for material on which you can base a response to the Senators' inquiries and/or for transmittal to the SSCI.

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This memorandum is in response to a letter dated April 2, 1979, from United States Senators Birch Bayh and Barry Goldwater, Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the SSCI, to the Deputy Attorney General, which acknowledged receipt of an FBI assessment and analysis of identifiable issues and available recorded facts relative to the circumstances of the death of former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer John A. Paisley. The letter from Senators Bayh and Goldwater also raised two collateral questions relative to application and interpretation of the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Foreign Intelligence Collection and Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations (hereinafter referred to as Guidelines). Specifically, the SSCI letter asserts, and implicitly questions why, the FBI apparently did not exercise its authority to conduct a preliminary inquiry in accordance with Section III of the Guidelines; and questions whether or not the Guidelines apply to inquiries regarding past activities of deceased persons. (U)

In support of the first assertion and implied question, the SSCI letter pointed out that the Guidelines authorize the FBI to make certain preliminary inquiries based upon "information or allegations indicating" that an individual may be a foreign intelligence agent or the target of a foreign intelligence service; the Guidelines do not require "specific and articulable facts" before the FBI can make (preliminary) inquiries regarding such

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(U) information or allegations; and preliminary inquiries may include the examination of Federal records and "interviews of persons other than the subject" if those interviews are authorized in accordance with Section III, C, 7, of the Guidelines. Relative thereto, the SSCI's attention is respectfully invited to the following observations. (S)

The terms under which this matter was referred to the FBI included only a request for an assessment and analysis of the available facts and issues concerning Paisley's death; and a request for the FBI's views concerning criminal or counterintelligence jurisdiction and the potential for inquiry in this matter. These terms were clearly enunciated in the Deputy Attorney General's referral memorandum, dated January 26, 1979, to the FBI and in discussions between SSCI staff members and representatives of the FBI's Intelligence Division on January 31, 1979. Nevertheless, and because material made available by SSCI staff members was determined to be inadequate for assessment purposes, the FBI requested, received, reviewed, and returned literally hundreds of pages of CIA records, including the complete, unsanitized copies of that Agency's security, personnel and administrative files on Paisley. Additionally, and as documented in the assessment forwarded to the SSCI by the Deputy Attorney General's memorandum of March 28, 1979, the FBI initiated 11 distinct topical interviews of individuals in fulfillment of, and subsequent to, the SSCI's request for a review of this matter. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the FBI did in fact conduct what amounts to a preliminary inquiry and concluded therefrom that there were no specific and articulable facts upon which to base a full counterintelligence investigation of Paisley's death or his prior activities. (U)

While it is true that preliminary inquiries may be undertaken by the FBI when there is information or allegations indicating, inter alia, that an individual is, or may be a foreign intelligence agent or the target of a foreign intelligence service, as specified in the SSCI letter, it should also be noted that the FBI does not undertake investigations to resolve all such allegations.

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(U) Instead, the FBI applies a test of the credibility of the allegations based on its foreign counterintelligence investigative experience. Lest there be any misunderstanding, the FBI wishes to emphasize that the decision to discontinue our inquiry (preliminary and/or full investigation) in the Paisley matter was based on our judgment that no credible evidence existed to warrant a continuance, and not on any restrictions imposed by the Guidelines. (S)

As concerns the SSCI's second question, i.e., whether or not the Guidelines apply to inquiries regarding past activities of deceased persons, it is this Bureau's judgment that, inasmuch as these are termed "guidelines," it is reasonable to interpret them as providing authority to conduct the appropriate investigations in such cases. (U)

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 responded by saying that no new investigative leads have been  
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# Maryland State Police Deny New Probe of Paisley Case

BALTIMORE (AP) — Maryland State Police emphatically denied today that they have resumed an active investigation into the death of John A. Paisley, a former CIA strategic weapons expert.

A report in today's Baltimore Sun, quoting unidentified state police officials, said new information has led state police to question the theory that Paisley committed suicide.

Sgt. Tom Moore, a state police spokesman, said: "We are not actively, nor do we plan in the immediate future" to actively investigate the Paisley death.

He said state police investigators have no new evidence or information that leads them to believe anything happened other than what has been reported already.

Moore added, however, that the case has never been officially closed and that if new evidence becomes

available, the investigation will be beefed up.

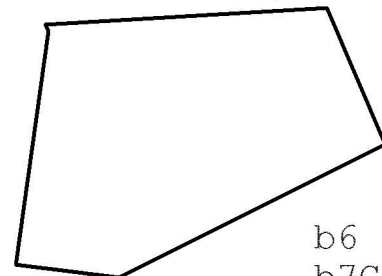
The state police had ruled Paisley's shooting death "an apparent suicide," after the Coast Guard recovered the decomposed body of a man matching Paisley's description who had been shot in the head with a 9mm pistol.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, which has been investigating Paisley's death for several months, said Monday it would continue its inquiry.

Sources said the committee's investigation appeared to be continuing along the lines of questions raised in a probe of the incident by the Sun.

Those questions included suggestions that there were signs of a struggle aboard Paisley's sloop when it was boarded in the Chesapeake Bay by the Coast Guard. Paisley's body was found Oct. 1, a week after his disappearance.

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## Panel in Senate Decides to Probe Paisley's Death

A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday that the committee had decided to investigate "some troubling questions about counterintelligence aspects" of the death of former CIA official John Paisley.

The Maryland State Police and the FBI have completed reports that conclude that Paisley, who disappeared while sailing on the Chesapeake last September, probably committed suicide. Paisley's body was found a month later floating in the Bay. He had been shot once in the head.

The FBI report also said that there was no reason to investigate whether Paisley had been involved in counterintelligence activities before his death.

The Senate committee, which asked the FBI to investigate the case in January, decided that "there are further questions that still need to be looked at," according to spokesman Spencer Davis.

Davis would not comment on what particular aspects of Paisley's death or work the committee was investigating.

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BALTIMORE (AP) -- NEW INFORMATION IN THE CASE OF JOHN ARTHUR PAISLEY, A FORMER CIA STRATEGIC WEAPONS EXPERT, HAS LED MARYLAND STATE POLICE TO RESUME THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO HIS DEATH, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN.

THE STATE POLICE HAD RULED PAISLEY'S SHOOTING DEATH "AN APPARENT SUICIDE," AFTER THE COAST GUARD RECOVERED THE DECOMPOSED BODY OF A MAN MATCHING PAISLEY'S DESCRIPTION WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD WITH A 9MM PISTOL.

STATE POLICE SPOKESMEN SAID TUESDAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW INFORMATION TENDS TO CAST DOUBT ON THAT FINDING. THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING PAISLEY'S DEATH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, SAID MONDAY IT WOULD CONTINUE ITS INQUIRY.

SOURCES SAID THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION APPEARED TO BE CONTINUING ALONG THE LINES OF QUESTIONS RAISED IN A PROBE OF THE INCIDENT BY THE SUN.

THOSE QUESTIONS INCLUDED SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE WERE SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE ABOARD PAISLEY'S SLOOP WHEN IT WAS BOARDED IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BY THE COAST GUARD. PAISLEY'S BODY WAS FOUND OCT. 1, A WEEK AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

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OTHER EVIDENCE SHOWED THAT PAISLEY APPARENTLY WAS PREPARING LUNCH JUST BEFORE HE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED SUICIDE. A GUARDSMAN WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ABOARD THE VESSEL SAID HE SAW AN OPEN PACKAGE OF LUNCHEON MEAT AND A KNIFE SMEARED WITH MUSTARD ON THE BOAT'S COUNTER. ANOTHER WITNESS TOLD THE SUN THAT A TABLE FOUND PULLED FROM ITS HINGES HAD BEEN INTACT THE WEEKEND BEFORE PAISLEY'S DISAPPEARANCE. THE CIA'S PUBLIC POSITION ON THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF FOUL PLAY.

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(PAISLEY)

WILMINGTON, DEL. (UPD) - FORMER CIA OFFICIAL JOHN PAISLEY WAS WORKING ON A DRAFT REPORT OF SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITY BEFORE HIS BODY WAS FOUND FLOATING IN CHESAPEAKE BAY, THE WILMINGTON NEWS-JOURNAL REPORTED TODAY.

IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY, THE NEWS-JOURNAL QUOTED FBI SOURCES AS SAYING THE DRAFT REPORT WAS FOUND IN A BRIEFCASE ABOARD PAISLEY'S SAILBOAT WHEN IT WAS FOUND BY THE COAST GUARD SEPT. 25.

PAISLEY'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE BAY OCT. 1, SHOT IN THE HEAD AND STRAPPED TO 40 POUNDS OF DIVING WEIGHTS.

ONE "HIGHLY INFORMED FBI SOURCE" TOLD THE NEWSPAPER THE DOCUMENTS WERE "HIGHLY SENSITIVE," BUT NOT STAMPED WITH A SECURITY CLASSIFICATION BECAUSE THE MATERIAL HAD NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CIA FOR CLASSIFICATION.

THE SOURCE SAID THE DOCUMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS TOP SECRET INFORMATION IF THEY HAD BEEN SUBMITTED.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE LAST WEEK THEORIZED THAT PAISLEY FATALLY SHOT HIMSELF AND FELL INTO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. HOWEVER, POLICE HAVE NOT CALLED THE INCIDENT A SUICIDE AND HAVE OFFICIALLY LISTED IT AS AN "UNDETERMINED DEATH."

THE NEWS-JOURNAL SAID THE CIA IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MURDER IN THE PAISLEY CASE.

THE NEWSPAPER QUOTED CIA AND SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SOURCES AS SAYING THAT PAISLEY, WHILE WORKING FOR THE CIA, WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO A NUMBER OF CIA COMPUTER CODES, SATELLITE PHOTOS AND OTHER TOP SECRET INFORMATION.

THE COMMITTEE AND FBI ARE INTERESTED IN PAISLEY'S DEATH BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SECRET KH-11 SATELLITE, WHICH PAISLEY REPORTEDLY HELPED TO DEVELOP, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SENT THE WIDOW OF FORMER CIA OFFICIAL JOHN PAISLEY A LETTER SAYING AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIS 1978 DEATH ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEARED HIM OF ANY POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE OR DISLOYAL ACTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, HER LAWYER CONFIRMED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

BERNARD FENSTERWALD JR. SAID THE COMMITTEE SENT MARYANN PAISLEY A LETTER SAYING A LENGTHY INVESTIGATION HAS UNCOVERED "NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM (HIS) RECORD OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY."

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS NOT RELEASED TO MRS. PAISLEY NOR MADE PUBLIC, HE SAID.

PAISLEY DISAPPEARED WHILE SAILING ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY IN SEPTEMBER 1978. A WEEK LATER, A BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE HEAD, WAS PULLED FROM THE BAY AND LATER IDENTIFIED AS PAISLEY'S.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE AND THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER LISTED HIS DEATH AS A PROBABLE SUICIDE. MRS. PAISLEY'S LAWYER AND OTHERS HAVE ASSERTED HE DIED AS A RESULT OF FOUL PLAY.

PAISLEY WAS ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED BY THE CIA AS A MINOR AGENCY OFFICIAL, BUT IT WAS LATER REVEALED THAT HE WAS THE FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC RESEARCH. HE RETIRED FROM THE CIA IN 1974 AND WAS WORKING FOR THE AGENCY AS A PART-TIME CONSULTANT AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED IN THURSDAY'S EDITIONS THAT A SECRET FBI REPORT OF HIS DEATH CONCLUDED THERE WAS "NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE" TO SHOW THAT HIS DEATH WAS "OTHER THAN SUICIDE."

"WHILE THE DELAY IN FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION IS REGRETTABLE, NO INTENTIONAL, CONSPIRATORIAL OR OTHERWISE QUESTIONABLE CONNOTATIONS ARE ATTACHED THERETO," THE REPORT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 6/1/79

FROM : W. D. Gow

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SUBJECT:

HOME OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE  
MUTUAL OF NEW YORK  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. Moore

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Mr. Cregar

PURPOSE: To appropriately advise of [redacted] contact with FBIHQ on 5/31/79.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum be referred to the Intelligence Division for their information or whatever action they deem appropriate.

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DETAILS: On 5/31/79, [redacted] personally appeared at the Escort Desk and requested to meet with someone who could supply him with information concerning the death of former CIA employee, John A. Paisley. [redacted] was referred to the Criminal Investigative Division Interview Room.

[redacted] identified himself as a representative for Mutual of New York, an insurance company who held a policy on Paisley until his death on the Chesapeake Bay. [redacted] stated his purpose for contacting FBIHQ was to obtain information concerning the verification of Paisley's death along with any opinions the Bureau held concerning the cause of death.

Interview Room personnel subsequently made contact with SA [redacted] of the Intelligence Division concerning this matter. [redacted] advised that [redacted] be told that the information he [redacted] requests would have

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to be made through the Freedom of Information Act. [REDACTED]  
was subsequently advised of this, along with procedure of how  
to submit such a request.

[REDACTED] then inquired whether a request made to  
the FBI would include the files of the Justice Department.  
[REDACTED] was advised that a separate request would have to be  
submitted to the Justice Department.

The above described matter is contained in Bufile  
199-357.

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Memorandum [redacted] to W.O. Cregar 5/3/79, captioned  
as above (attached), set forth information provided 4/30/79 by [redacted]  
[redacted], Senate Select Committee on  
Intelligence (SSCI), [redacted]

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Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Cregar  
1 - [redacted]  
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Mr. W. O. Cregar

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PURPOSE:

To advise of a briefing given [redacted] and  
[redacted] Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)  
by Messrs. [redacted]  
CI-1, INTD, concerning subject. (S)

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ACTION:

None. For information. (U)

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DETAILS:

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Subject is currently employed by the Georgetown  
University Center for Strategic and International Studies. (U)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. O. Cregar  
Re: [redacted]

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On 5/22/79, Messrs. [redacted]  
SSCI, met with Messrs. [redacted] and  
[redacted] CI-1, INTD. [redacted] advised that given the

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[redacted] was briefed regarding our investigation of  
[redacted] and advised of our doubts regarding his bona fides. He  
was also told that we had no objection to the SSCI interviewing  
[redacted] however, [redacted]

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stated that he was in agreement with this position and would  
make no final determination regarding interview for approximately  
ten days. [redacted] also noted that he was in agreement with  
our request that he coordinate this interview with us. [redacted]  
also was advised that we saw no major security risk in the SSCI  
interview other than the exposure of SSCI personnel. (S)

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams *SP/1006*

DATE: 5/11/79

FROM : W. O. Cregar *WOC*

SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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*C* PURPOSE:

To record the results of a conversation with Mr. Frederick Baron, Department of Justice.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information purposes.

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DETAILS:

On the early afternoon of 5/11/79 Mr. Frederick Baron telephonically advised me of the following:

The Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB) feels compelled to take a preliminary look at the facts surrounding the death of John A. Paisley and the subsequent press stories resulting therefrom. The IOB believes allegations such as CIA may have murdered Paisley to conceal the identity of a "mole"; that CIA has failed to furnish all materials in their possession to the FBI; and that Paisley was in some way connected to the Nixon "plumbers"; compels the IOB to examine the facts surrounding this case.

Mr. Charles Ruff, Associate Deputy Attorney General, acting for Deputy Attorney General Civiletti, has advised Baron that he believes

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1 - Mr. Adams

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*Memo to Cregar 5/24/79  
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Memorandum to Mr. Adams  
Re: JOHN A. PAISLEY

the FBI's analysis of the Paisley matter should be made available to the staff of the IOB for their review. In addition, he interposes no objection to the staff of the IOB reviewing any correspondence from or to the Department of Justice contained in the FBI's Paisley file.

Baron inquired whether I had any objection to [ ] staff member of the IOB, coming to the Bureau and reviewing our analysis of the Paisley matter. I advised Baron that we would interpose no objection to such a review providing that [ ] could also have access to the original letter to the Bureau from Mr. Civiletti instructing us to conduct the review; the information furnished to the Bureau by [ ] of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI); the subsequent letter the Bureau received from the SSCI; and finally our response to that letter. Baron felt that this was perfectly proper and authorized [ ] access to these materials in FBI space.

Mr. Baron will telephonically contact [ ] and instruct him to either contact me or [ ] in order to arrange a visit to FBI Headquarters for a review of the above-described material.



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PURPOSE:

To advise of an inquiry by [redacted] and [redacted] Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, relating to subject's knowledge of the John Paisley case [redacted]

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ACTION:

None. For information. (U)

DETAILS:

Subject entered the U. S. in 4/73 as a special quota immigrant. Subject, since his arrival here, has been denounced by other Soviet employees as being affiliated with the [redacted]

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He was also the subject of an extensive investigation by WFO who was never able to adequately resolve subject's possible affiliation with the SIS. (X)

Subject is currently employed by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies. (U)

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On 4/30/79, [redacted]  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence met with [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] CI-1, INTD. [redacted]

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[redacted] was told that this Bureau had reviewed all  
appropriate personnel, administrative and security files for  
Mr. Paisley and had noted no information [redacted]

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TO : Mr. W. O. Cregar

DATE: 5/24/79

FROM : [Redacted] *ECF*

SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re memorandum W. O. Cregar to [Redacted]  
5/11/79, instant caption.

## PURPOSE:

To record results of meeting with [Redacted]  
Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB) staff member, on 5/23/79,  
relative to captioned matter.

## ACTION:

None. For information and record purposes.

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## DETAILS:

Referenced memo recorded 5/11/79 conversation  
between Assistant Director Cregar and Mr. Frederick Baron,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General (AG), during  
which Baron advised IOB has expressed compulsion to take

- 1 - Office of Associate Director
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - [Redacted]
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Memorandum to Mr. W. O. Cregar  
Re: John A. Paisley

preliminary look at facts surrounding the death of former CIA officer John A. Paisley and subsequent press stories resulting therefrom. Baron relayed opinion of Mr. Charles Ruff, Associate Deputy AG and acting for Deputy AG Benjamin R. Civiletti, that our assessment of the Paisley matter should be made available to an IOB representative for review as well as any correspondence to and from the Department of Justice regarding same. It was further agreed that the IOB review should be held in FBI space and could encompass relevant correspondence to and from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI).

On 5/23/79, [redacted] IOB staff member, met with SAs [redacted] to discuss this matter. Pursuant to his stated request, all correspondence to and from the Department of Justice and the SSCI, as well as relevant file documentation thereto, was made available to him for review in the presence of SA [redacted]. His review encompassed the entire file 199-357 (up-to-date with serial 24 only) and SA [redacted] tickler copies of serials not yet on record. He did not take any notes nor did he ask any substantive questions; however, he gave the distinct impression of being well versed on this particular case and acknowledged the conduct of previous interviews and file reviews at CIA.

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April 7, 1987

Memorandum to: Mr. James H. Geer  
From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: JOHN A. PAISLEY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This communication is classified "~~Secret~~" unless  
otherwise noted.

PURPOSE:

To furnish insights into the FBI's conclusions in this  
matter as well as to furnish background information to assist in  
addressing PFIAB inquiries.

RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the extended amount of time since Paisley's  
death and inasmuch as no new information has been obtained that  
would effect the FBI's conclusion that no credible evidence  
exists other than the cause of death was suicide, no further  
investigation is warranted at this time in this matter. (U)

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BACKGROUND:

On 1/26/79, four months after Paisley's death, the  
Deputy Attorney General, Benjamin R. Civiletti, via memorandum to  
the Director, requested the FBI make an assessment and analysis  
of available facts and issues concerning Paisley's death. The  
Deputy Attorney General's request was the result of a letter from  
the SSCI which stated that pursuant to its oversight  
responsibilities they had reviewed all the available "facts"  
concerning Paisley's death. The letter goes on to say that a  
number of troubling questions remain and in view of the FBI's  
primary jurisdiction over counterintelligence matters in the US,  
the SSCI staff will "see" that all of their information is made  
immediately available to "your people." (U)

A letter from the Director to Deputy Attorney General  
Civiletti dated 3/2/79 had a 39-page memorandum enclosed which  
set forth an analytical review and assessment of issues raised by  
the SSCI Staff and the news media vis-a-vis available facts  
concerning Paisley's death. (U)

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Memorandum [ ] to J.H. Geer  
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(S) On 9/25/78, the US Coast Guard Station, Portsmouth, Virginia, advised the [ ] that Paisley's pilotless sloop, "Brillig," had run aground under full sail that morning near Point Lookin (approximately five miles north of Point Lookout, Maryland), and that Paisley was considered missing in the Chesapeake Bay. It was further reported by the Coast Guard that Paisley had set sail alone on Sunday morning, 9/24/78, from a private mooring owned by [ ] located near Solomons Island, Maryland. Reportedly, Paisley contacted [ ] via ham radio between 5 and 6:00pm the same day and requested the dock lights be left on inasmuch as he would be returning later. There were no known subsequent contacts with Paisley. (U)

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On 10/1/78, one week following the last known contact with Paisley, a bloated and decomposed body was located in the Chesapeake Bay east of Solomons Island. The body, with weighted diver's belts around the waist and chest and a gunshot wound to the head, was subsequently identified as that of John Arthur Paisley. (U)

The official autopsy report of the Department of Post Mortem Examiner, State of Maryland, records the opinion that John Paisley died of a penetrating gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death is undetermined. [ ], Maryland State Police, advised on 10/3/78 that the attending pathologist is of the belief that Paisley's death was probably a suicide even though the official report indicates manner of death undetermined. (U)

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The autopsy report states that Paisley's death was caused by a close range gunshot wound to the left side of the head. [ ] noted on 10/3/78 that Paisley reportedly was ambidextrous but performed most tasks left-handed, except writing. [ ] further noted Maryland State Police investigators located a nine millimeter steel-jacketed live round on Paisley's sloop and two additional similar rounds at his residence. It was determined Paisley was the owner of an automatic weapon of either .32 or nine millimeter caliber.

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[ ] Maryland State Police, told the SSCI Staff on 10/19/78 that Paisley was the owner of a nine millimeter weapon, a week before his death, as he tried to sell it. No weapon, however, was recovered in the course of their investigation.

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(S) Paisley, the father of two children ages 20 and 22, was separated from his wife. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] Paisley alluded to his financial difficulties by stating: "I finished my sailing and scuba phase for a while, anyway at least until the kids get through college. My annuity just won't stretch all that far." In this regard, it is noted that included in the material reportedly found on his boat were papers dealing with a divorce settlement. (U)

(S) A "Washington Star" newspaper article dated 10/21/78 reported an interview with Col. Thomas A. Smith, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, who stated that investigators have confirmed that Paisley had suffered several episodes of depression and that on at least two occasions he had discussed suicide with friends. Smith said Paisley told friends he wanted to die and be buried at sea. (U)

(S) [redacted] both a professional associate and a fairly close friend of Paisley and his wife, provided some insight into Paisley's mental and emotional state during an interview with SSCI Staff on 11/16/78. [redacted] first found it difficult to reconcile suicide with his perception of Paisley's personality, but after talking with the [redacted] previously identified herein), he [redacted] considered suicide to be more plausible. The [redacted] reportedly told him [redacted] that Paisley had undergone a sudden personality change a couple of months before he died and he (Paisley) told the [redacted] he was not "going to go over the speed limit." (It was opined that Paisley was talking about his age, 55, and the speed limit of 55 mph.) [redacted] personally described a "miserable social life" as a contributor to Paisley's depression, noting that one [redacted] with whom Paisley spent much of his recent time, [redacted]

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[redacted] expressed the belief that [redacted] bothered Paisley considerably. [redacted] recalled seeing Paisley with [redacted] Paisley appeared withdrawn and morose. (U)

According to [redacted] Paisley was profoundly affected by a recent Lifespring experience. (Lifespring is a mission to provide basic educational awareness of self-actualization training that enables an individual to look at his/her own belief system; and graduate training in interpersonal relationships.) [redacted] also noted that Paisley began seeing a psychiatrist shortly after his Lifespring experience. He scheduled a joint appointment with his spouse on a date subsequent to his death. (U)

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(S) The FBI's 3/2/79 memorandum concluded that based upon the reviews and assessments of available facts, no credible evidence exists to suspect John Paisley's death was other than the result of suicide. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] Thus, there were not specific and articulable facts upon which to base an FBI investigation of the death of John Paisley.

In a letter dated 3/28/79 from Deputy Attorney General Civiletti to Chairman Birch Bayh, SSCI, Civiletti stated that the conclusions stated by the FBI appeared to be a sound assessment and analysis of the essential issues. (U)

(S) [redacted] strongly insinuated a connection between John Paisley and [redacted] through swinging clubs (where couples swapped partners for sex) in the Washington, D.C., area. It is not known when or by whom the [redacted] were introduced to swinging clubs in Washington. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] never moved to Washington but maintained her residence in New York. The [redacted] were not known to have participated in Washington swinging clubs after [redacted] returned to New York. As pointed out, according to a friend of Paisley's, Paisley did not discover the swinging clubs until about 1977; therefore, it is very unlikely that Paisley had any contact with the [redacted]

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# Two Tell of Marks on Neck Of Former CIA Man's Body

By Baline Harden

Washington Post Staff Writer

Solomons, Md., June 27 — The body of former CIA official John A. Paisley, found near here last October in Chesapeake Bay, had markings around the throat indicating "foul play," according to statements made today by a county coroner and by the owner of an area marina.

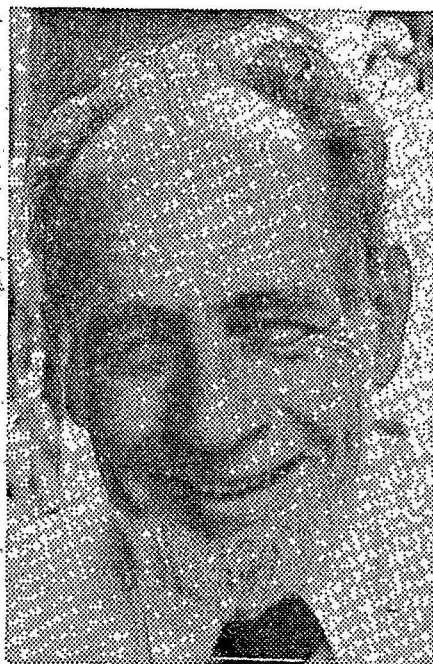
Dr. George Weems, coroner of Calvert County, said he viewed Paisley's bloated body when it was first brought ashore by the U.S. Coast Guard on Oct. 1, and noticed markings on the neck indicating it has "been squeezed or had a rope around it."

"They were the type of things you see when people are strangled," said Weems, who has been coroner here for 20 years. Weems made his statement today at a press conference called by Bernard Fensterwald, a Washington lawyer hired by Paisley's widow, Maryann.

Harry Lee Langley, owner of Langley Point Marina, said he also saw the markings on the body when it was brought to the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory near here. "It was either a helluva (rope) burn or his throat had been cut," Langley said.

A report of the autopsy performed by Maryland state Medical Examiner Dr. Russell K. Fisher does not mention any markings on Paisley's throat. Fisher could not be reached immediately for comment.

Paisley was found with a bullet hole



JOHN A. PAISLEY

... death still being probed

in his head. A state police investigation concluded that the former CIA official "probably was a suicide victim," although the case has not been officially closed.

In a separate development, Mutual of New York Life Insurance Corp.

announced today that after a six-month investigation of whether the body found last October was that of Paisley, it will pay off Paisley's \$100,000 life insurance policy to his widow.

A Mutual of New York spokesman said today the company had delayed payment because of doubts raised by Maryann Paisley about whether her estranged husband was dead.

"We are now satisfied that all the hard evidence shows this was the body of John Paisley," the spokesman said.

Paisley, the former director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research, disappeared Sept. 24 after setting sail alone from here in his 31-foot sloop, the Brillig. A week later the body of a man identified by Maryland State Police as Paisley—weighted down by two diving belts—was recovered from the bay.

At the time of his death, Paisley had access to top secret information about Soviet military capabilities. A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee, which has been looking into Paisley's death since last fall, said yesterday the committee is continuing its investigation and a report will be issued shortly.

At the press conference here this afternoon, the two men who said they saw marks on Paisley's body indicating "foul play" had differing accounts of why they waited more than a half-year to make their information public.

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Dr. Weems, who said that he and Langley were fishing on his boat when word came that a body had been found in the bay, said he did not mention the marks on Paisley's neck earlier because "I wasn't asked to."

Weems, who said he performed a preliminary examination of the body, said he made no mention of the neck mark in his report that he forwarded to the state medical examiner. He said it was not his job to make a thorough examination of the body.

The coroner said he had no idea why Dr. Fisher failed to mention the neck mark in his autopsy. Weems refused to characterize what he saw as murder, saying only, "I call it foul play." Langley, who said that he knew Paisley from seeing him around his marina, claimed he was told by unnamed officials at the time the body was brought ashore to keep quiet about what he had seen.

"They told me Mr. Paisley was CIA. Shortly after this happened, I thought this was all government, all secret. I thought I don't want to get into all this," Langley said. He said he finally called Paisley's widow, who lives in McLean, three weeks ago after hearing news reports that said she had not yet received her husband's life insurance.

Paisley, according to lawyer Fensterwald, was insured for \$200,000. His group insurance with the CIA for \$30,000 has already been paid, Fensterwald said. He said Mutual of Omaha Life Insurance Company and Mutual of New York have refused to pay off on their policies because of questions

about the identification of the body and the cause of death.

A spokesman for Mutual of Omaha said today that his company had paid its claim, which he said was "considerably less than \$100,000," earlier this year.

The Washington Post learned today that Mutual of New York, which announced it will shortly pay off Paisley's \$100,000 policy, made its decision after insurance investigators spent six months examining evidence found on the body.

The investigators, sources said, were satisfied that five fingerprints taken from the body found in the bay were those of Paisley. Sources said the insurance company also checked a dental plate found on the body with a dentist who recognized it as a plate he had made for Paisley.

Questions about oversized underwear found on the body were resolved, sources said, when investigators learned that a friend of Paisley had recently bought him several pairs of underwear that were too large.

Fensterwald, who said today he still is not sure that the body found in the bay was Paisley's, claimed he is certain Paisley was murdered.

"Jumping off a boat with gun in hand, pulling the trigger while in the water, is, to be charitable about the matter, a weird way to commit suicide," Fensterwald said.

Paisley's 22-year-old son, Eddie, said today that after talking with Langley and Weems he believes his father was dragged from his boat with a rope and killed.

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# Paisley acted as CIA link to Nixon's team of Plumbers

By RICHARD SANDZA  
and JOE TRENTO

WASHINGTON — Former CIA official John A. Paisley worked with President Nixon's White House Plumbers, the Sunday News Journal has learned.

CIA associates and friends of Paisley, who disappeared while he was sailing in the Chesapeake Bay last September, have confirmed that Paisley was a CIA contact man for the secret team organized by Nixon to stop press leaks.

Paisley's link to the Plumbers was one of the matters the Senate Intelligence Committee had asked the FBI to address in its probe of the Paisley case.

However, the committee has rejected the FBI's report as unsatisfactory and launched its own investigation into what it calls the "troubling questions" surrounding Paisley's fate.

When the committee asked the Justice Department to look into the Paisley case last January, those questions were included. The FBI was given the assignment by the Justice Department.

But according to Delaware Democratic Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., who sits on the committee, the FBI "begged the questions."

"I don't think they did a thorough job," Biden said. He said he was "disappointed" in the contents of the 12-page report the FBI submitted on the case.

The report includes the FBI's concurrence with the Maryland State Police conclusion that Paisley probably committed suicide.

A week after Paisley disappeared, a body later identified by the FBI as his was found floating in the Chesapeake Bay near where he was last seen. The cause of death was a close-range bullet wound to the brain.

Paisley, then 55, was a retired deputy director of strategic research for the

CIA. He was an expert on the U.S. spy satellite system and Soviet military strategy.

Who was killed and how pose the "ultimate question," as far as Biden is concerned.

Biden said he hopes the committee will "flush out the (answers) and force . . . the FBI to be more thorough with it, in addition to us going on (with our probe)."

"Where it will lead us, I'm not prepared to say," he added.

Committee sources Friday told the Sunday News Journal that, in addition to the Plumbers link, the committee will investigate:

□ Paisley's connection to several Soviet defectors, including Yuri Nosenko and Arkady N. Shevchenko, and a man publicly known only as "Igor."

□ Paisley's true role while with the CIA, including whether he was ever involved in cloak-and-dagger operations.

□ Paisley's responsibilities and activities as a member of the SALT I negotiating team in the early 1970s.

□ The effect of Paisley's disappearance on SALT II — which is now being negotiated.

"There are a number of things that have to be cleared up," Biden said last week, "not the least of which is the question of: Was it suicide? Was it Paisley's body? That's my concern."

Those questions were first raised by the Sunday News Journal and Paisley's wife, Maryann. Early this year the News Journal papers looked into the identification of the body and found that the Maryland State Medical examiner, Dr. Russell K. Fisher, never saw any of the evidence used to make the identification. Neverthe-

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less, he certified the body to be Paisley's.

The News Journal papers found that the fingerprints used in the identification were mailed in to the Phoenix, Ariz., FBI office in 1940 — supposedly by Paisley. The FBI and the CIA both claimed no newer prints existed, even though Paisley was a career government official. Later the News Journal papers found a set of prints in Paisley's merchant marine records, a few blocks from FBI headquarters in Washington.

The second phase was the "eyeballed" identification of the upper plate found in the body. Dr. Albert F. Brendes, who said he was Paisley's dentist, identified the plate without consulting records. He said he had no records, and, when pressed by reporters, admitted the plate "could have been a million people's denture."

Spokesman Spencer Davis predicted that the Senate committee's Paisley probe would take "about four more weeks of investigative work, plus whatever it takes to write the report."

He said the FBI report is not being released, because "some members of the committee feel our own report ought to be released next to the FBI report to show the discrepancies."

The CIA has refused to comment on the Paisley case, as well as the upcoming Senate investigation.

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However, CIA director Stansfield Turner laid out his agency's position on the Paisley case in the Central Intelligence Agency Retiree's Newsletter.

In that recent newsletter, Turner is quoted as saying: "We have cooperated fully with the Maryland State Police, the FBI and the committees of the Congress who have investigated it. Nothing was withheld."

He described Paisley as a "highly respected former CIA analyst and manager . . . (who) had no clandestine or covert responsibilities here (at CIA). Yuri Nosenko has no recollection of ever meeting him . . . no classified material was found either on his boat or at his home."

Turner also attacked "inaccurate and irresponsible reporting that has surrounded Mr. Paisley's death and the subsequent investigations . . . Conclusions have been literally fabricated in some cases," he said.

The agency has denied Paisley had any part in the SALT I negotiations — even though Paisley's role was confirmed by William G. Hyland, a former CIA official and aide to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who shepherded the SALT I agreement.

The CIA has also refused to respond to questions about Paisley's connection to the White House Plumbers. Paisley's exact role remains to be determined.

The Plumbers were a super-secret team of operatives — some of whom had been associated with the CIA — organized by Nixon to stop embarrassing press leaks. They used CIA tactics to carry out their mission and sometimes used CIA equipment.

Their most famous — or infamous — operation was a break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. They were looking for damaging information that could be used against Ellsberg in retaliation for leaking the controversial Pentagon Papers to The New York Times.

Paisley's connection with the Plumbers was confirmed by Bernard Fensterwald, a Washington attorney now representing Maryann Paisley. Fensterwald also represented Watergate burglar James R. McCord. McCord, a for-

mer CIA agent who was credited with breaking open the Watergate case, fired Fensterwald just before McCord cooperated with authorities.

Numerous intelligence sources have provided information that contradicts Turner's description of Paisley's career. They have also said repeatedly that the CIA was very uncooperative with the committee's Paisley investigation.

One committee source told the Sunday News Journal that Paisley was, in fact, involved in CIA covert operations from time to time and used several aliases when meeting with Soviet defectors — including Nosenko.

"The agency has used these aliases to lie," the staff member said. "They have said to us that a defector like Nosenko never talked to Paisley."

"Hell," the staff member said, "of course he didn't. He talked to a man who was Paisley but was introduced under a different name."

Nosenko, the highest-ranking Soviet KGB agent ever defect, met with Paisley at least three times in the year before Paisley disappeared, a committee staff member said.

When the CIA looked through Paisley's papers after he was reported missing, they found a handwritten note which said, "Now what about Shevchenko?" according to a committee source.

Shevchenko, the top-ranking Soviet United Nations staff member defected to the U.S. last spring. He was an expert on disarmament.

Sources at the committee say the note found in Paisley's papers was destroyed by the CIA. They say they want to know what it meant and why it was destroyed.

Also, sources on the committee have told the Sunday News Journal that a top-secret CIA phone book was found among Paisley's papers — contradicting Turner's remark that no classified material was found.

Committee sources have said that they are also concerned about a possible connection between "Igor" and Paisley during the SALT I negotiating sessions in Vienna and Helsinki.

Igor is the code name for a KGB officer who posed as a potential turncoat — known as a mole — and may have duped former CIA director Richard Helms into giving away valuable information to the Soviet Union.

Committee spokesman Davis refused to talk about the specific questions the committee would look into. But, when pressed about the Igor leaks at SALT I, he said, "Obviously, that is one of the questions we have."

While the Senate conducts its investigation, the Carter administration will be lobbying for support for SALT II. The SALT ratification in the Senate will be hanging over the Paisley investigation, according to members of the committee, since verification of the agreement is critical.

If the Russians have information that would enable them to circumvent U.S. monitoring of an arms buildup, the agreement would be difficult to enforce.

As a result, the man handling the probe, committee counsel Michael Epstein, is "trying to keep a low profile on this," a committee source said. "He doesn't want to be accused of blowing SALT right out of the water if they catch the CIA giving away secrets."

The committee is expected to call in some outside consultants to help in the probe — but their use will be kept to an absolute minimum. Epstein has started contacting — and interviewing — several investigators who worked with him in 1975 when Idaho Sen. Frank Church was committee chairman and conducted widely publicized probes of the CIA.

Special security precautions have been ordered by Epstein to prevent leaks of the Paisley investigation to the press.

The first order he gave was that the FBI report to the committee be marked "secret."

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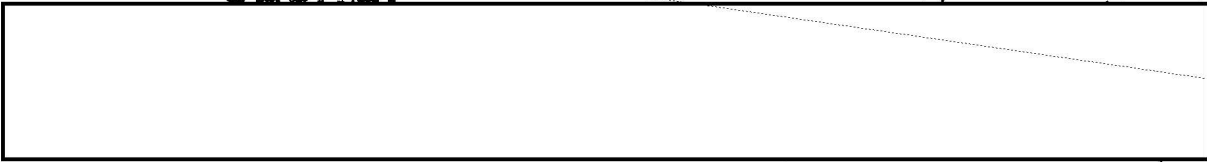
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## (BANK ROBBERY)

CHICAGO (UPI) - THE FBI IS PLAYING A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME WITH A BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT AND THE STAKEN ARE A COOL \$1 MILLION.

THE CASH - IN \$20, \$50, AND \$100 BILLS - DISAPPEARED FROM THE VAULTS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO A YEAR AGO.

THE FBI HAS ONE PRIME SUSPECT, A FRUGAL-LIVING, LONG-TIME BANK EMPLOYEE WHO WAS FIRED FOR REFUSING TO COOPERATE WITH INVESTIGATORS. BUT, SO FAR, THE FBI HAS TOO LITTLE SOLID EVIDENCE TO BRING CHARGES.

"IF YOU CONSIDER A PERFECT CRIME ONE WHEN NO ARRESTS ARE MADE, IT'S STILL A PERFECT CRIME. BUT IT'S ONLY A YEAR OLD," FBI SPOKESMAN GEORGE MANDICH SAID WEDNESDAY.

SO AGENTS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW EVIDENCE AND HOPING THE SUSPECT WILL MAKE A MISTAKE - SPEND A LITTLE MORE MONEY THAN HE SHOULD, SAY SOMETHING INCRIMINATING, TIP HIS HAND.

"WE'RE CONFIDENT WE'LL BREAK THE CASE," MANDICH SAID. "WE KNOW WHO MOST OF THE GUYS WERE IN THE BRINKS ROBBERY BACK IN THE 50S WITHIN SIX MONTHS, BUT IT TOOK SIX AND A HALF YEARS BEFORE THEY WERE ARRESTED."

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## PAISLEY

PIKESVILLE, MD. (AP) -- RESULTS OF TESTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER FORMER CIA OFFICIAL JOHN A. PAISLEY FIRED A GUN SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH WERE AWAITED TODAY BY STATE POLICE.

SGT. TOM MOORE SAID THE FBI TEST RESULTS, EXPECTED TODAY OR THURSDAY, WERE NOT CONSIDERED A MAJOR FACTOR IN WHETHER PAISLEY'S DEATH WAS MURDER OR SUICIDE.

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PAISLEY'S SAILBOAT, A 31-FOOT SLOOP, WAS FOUND SEPT. 24 AGROUND IN THE BAY. ITS SAILS WERE STILL UP, AND INVESTIGATORS HAVE SAID THERE WAS NO SIGN OF A STRUGGLE ON BOARD.

COL. THOMAS S. SMITH, STATE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, SAID THAT OTHER LAB TESTS CONCLUDED PAISLEY WAS SHOT WITH A PISTOL OF THE TYPE HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE CARRYING ABOARD HIS BOAT. 199-352-A-

PAISLEY'S PSYCHIATRIST SAID THAT THE RETIRED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC RESEARCH GAVE "NOT RECORDED" CLUES THAT HE CONTEMPLATED SUICIDE BEFORE HIS DEATH. 49 SEP 13 1979

DR. JACK BARUCH SAID THAT TWO DAYS AFTER HE DISAPPEARED, PAISLEY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BRING HIS ESTRANGED WIFE TO A GROUP THERAPY SESSION IN CHEVY CHASE TO DISCUSS WHY THEIR MARRIAGE FAILED.

THE PSYCHIATRIST HAD BEEN TREATING PAISLEY IN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP THERAPY SINCE APRIL.

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# Evidence in Paisley's Death Points to Suicide, Police Say

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Capt. Paul Rappaport, head of the state police investigation into Paisley's death, joined Smith, two FBI agents and a representative from the state medical examiner's office at yesterday's press conference in an unusual hour-long briefing.

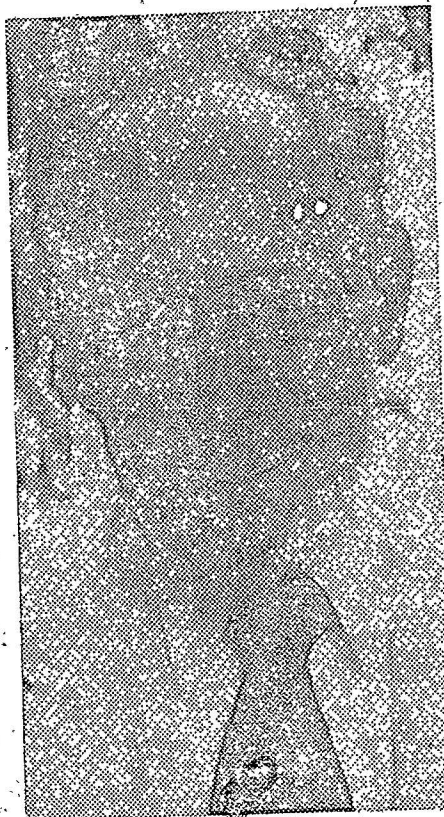
Rappaport cited several factors to support the suicide theory. Although Paisley's estranged wife Maryann has been quoted as saying he was "in fine spirits" at the time of his death, Paisley had talked about suicide two years ago, according to Rappaport. "Associates have told us he had been depressed but was coming out of it," Rappaport said. "Sometimes that's the most critical time."

Paisley's psychiatrist, Dr. Jack Baruch, told a reporter last week that the 55-year-old retired CIA official had given "absolutely no clues" that he was contemplating suicide but may have had "feelings of loss and abandonment" because of recent developments in his personal life.

Rappaport also said Paisley once told an associate, "If he should die, he wanted to die in the water. . . . He said he wanted to be buried at sea."

The bullet that killed Paisley, striking him above and behind the left ear, was fired from a 9 mm automatic pistol, the type of gun Paisley was known to keep aboard his sailboat. Although Paisley reportedly told a friend he wanted to sell the gun this summer, Rappaport said yesterday the gun was seen on the boat one week prior to Paisley's disappearance. The weapon has not been found, police said.

Although no bloodstains were found on Paisley's boat, police theorize he could have shot himself while leaning



JOHN A. PAISLEY  
... death officially "undetermined"

over the water or hanging from the boat's side.

FBI agent John Kilty said no traces of gunpowder were found on Paisley's hands. "We cannot tell if the man fired the gun," Kilty said, adding that any chemical residue would be washed off in the water.

Initially, the presence of two weighted diving belts on Paisley's body was a mystery, but state police previously reported their discovery

that Paisley had bought a second belt at a Northwest Washington diving shop on Sept. 8. Paisley was said to be an expert skindiver, but skindivers ordinarily would have no use for more than one belt.

Smith also said police are looking into a similar death, that of Yale University Professor Richard Wolfgang, who was found shot to death, his body weighted down with rocks, in Long Island Sound in June 1971. Wolfgang was a chemist who did research with nuclear reactors. His death was ruled a suicide.

Police said they had requested Paisley's CIA personnel file. Paisley retired as director of the CIA's Office of Strategic Research in 1974, but had been retained as a consultant. At the time of his death, Paisley was also earning \$36,000 a year as an executive assistant at the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

Rappaport said police are also checking into Paisley's life insurance. According to family attorney Terrence O'Grady, Paisley was covered by a government insurance policy, and suicide would not affect payment of benefits.

Although CIA documents pertaining to Paisley's most recent project were found on the boat and in his apartment at 1500 Massachusetts Ave. NW, CIA spokesmen have denied that Paisley was in any way involved with a breach in the security in the agency's so-called KH-11 satellite surveillance system. A report in a Wilmington, Del., newspaper had linked Paisley to the theft of documents related to that system.

State police said yesterday they have removed five of the seven investigators from the case, but will continue their inquiry into Paisley's death.

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CAPT. PAUL RAPPAPORT, WHO HEADS THE SEVEN-MAN STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN THE CASE, TUESDAY WOULD NOT DIVULGE SPECIFIC INFORMATION GIVEN TO POLICE BY BETTY MYERS, 51. RAPPAPORT SAID INVESTIGATORS ALSO HAVE FINISHED THEIR BALLISTICS TESTS ON THE SLUG TAKEN FROM PAISLEY'S BODY, BUT THE INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL. PAISLEY, 55, WHOSE BODY WAS LADEN WITH 40 POUNDS OF DIVING WEIGHTS, WAS FOUND OCT. 1 FLOATING IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WITH A BULLET WOUND IN THE HEAD.

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(GSA)

BALTIMORE (UPI) - THREE MORE OF 18 MEN INDICTED ON FRAUD AND KICKBACK CHARGES INVOLVING THE SCANDAL-RIDDEN GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION HAVE PLEADED GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY'S APPEARANCES BY TWO FORMER GSA MANAGERS AND A NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL BROUGHT TO EIGHT THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE PLEADED GUILTY IN CHARGES INVOLVING THE GSA'S SELF-SERVICE STORES.

LAST WEEK FIVE OTHER MEN - TWO EXECUTIVES OF HILLES ASSOCIATES INC. OF WESTMINSTER, MD., AND THREE GSA STORE MANAGERS - PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGES LISTED IN THE SEPTEMBER INDICTMENT OF THE 18 MEN.

THE LATEST GUILTY PLEAS WERE MADE BY FORMER GSA MANAGERS ROGER WILT OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD., AND JOHNNIE SYKES OF OXON HILL, MD., AND EUGENE PROCTOR, 50, OF WASHINGTON, AN OFFICIAL WITH THE NAVY'S BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN ARLINGTON, VA.

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS RECOMMENDED A MAXIMUM SIX-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE FOR WILT, A NINE-MONTH TERM FOR SYKES AND 60 DAYS IN JAIL FOR PROCTOR IN PLEA BARGAINING ARRANGEMENTS. NO SENTENCING DATES WERE SET.

PROSECUTORS SAID WILT AND SYKES RECEIVED GIFTS FROM HILLES AFTER BILLING THE GOVERNMENT FOR FOLDERS NEVER DELIVERED BY THE COMPANY AND SAID PROCTOR SIGNED RECEIPTS FOR 40,000 HANGING FOLDERS THAT WERE NEVER DELIVERED IN RETURN FOR GIFTS.

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# INVESTIGATIONS BY JAMES H. RUBIN

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF GULF PLAY IN THE DEATH OF FORMER CIA OFFICIAL JOHN PAISLEY, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND SHOT AND STRAPPED WITH DIVING WEIGHTS IN CHESAPEAKE BAY, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SAY.

OFFICIALS, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME, SAID THE FBI IS TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PAISLEY'S DEATH. GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE JURISDICTION IN THE CASE ON GROUNDS THAT A CRIME MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED ON THE HIGH SEAS.

FBI OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUSLY DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE INVESTIGATION OF PAISLEY'S DEATH.

POLICE IN MARYLAND HAVE TENTATIVELY SAID THAT PAISLEY COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE STATE POLICE ARE DUE TO ISSUE A REPORT IN THE CASE LATER THIS WEEK.

PAISLEY DIED FROM A SINGLE BULLET WOUND IN THE HEAD AND NO GUN HAS BEEN RECOVERED. HIS BODY WAS DISCOVERED IN THE BAY ON OCT. 1.

STATE POLICE SAY THEY BELIEVE PAISLEY KILLED HIMSELF WHILE BOATING ON SEPT. 24. THEY ALSO SAY THEY FEEL HE WAS BESET BY FINANCIAL, MARITAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS.

IN A MEETING WITH REPORTERS, THE FEDERAL OFFICIAL WHO REQUESTED ANONYMITY ALSO SAID THAT NO FURTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE EXPECTED AGAINST REP. DANIEL J. FLOOD, D-PA. THE MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY BUT THE OFFICIALS REMARKS WERE EMBARGOED FOR USE 24 HOURS LATER.

FLOOD WAS INDICTED LAST WEEK BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY CHARGES. THE VETERAN CONGRESSMAN HAD BEEN INDICTED SEPT. 5 ON CHARGES HE LIED TO A TRIAL JURY AND A GRAND JURY WHEN HE DENIED RECEIVING PAYOFFS.

THE FEDERAL OFFICIAL, NOTING THAT FLOOD WILL BE 75 NEXT MONTH, SAID, "AT SOME POINT YOU SAY WE HAVE ENOUGH," WHEN ASKED IF ANY FURTHER CHARGES MIGHT BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE CONGRESSMAN.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT FLOOD WAS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA IN CONNECTION WITH CHARGES THAT HE USED HIS INFLUENCE TO GET FEDERAL AID FOR A \$65 MILLION EXPANSION OF HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA.

ON ANOTHER MATTER, FEDERAL OFFICIALS DISCLOSED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN B. BELL HAS NOT NECESSARILY RULED OUT OF ANY DECISION ON WHETHER TO PROSECUTE FORMER BUDGET DIRECTOR BERT LANCE.

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"HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN CLANDESTINE OR SECRET OPERATIONS," A CIA SPOKESMAN SAID. "WE ARE LEAVING THIS THING TO THE MARYLAND POLICE."

A COPYRIGHTED STORY IN THE WILMINGTON NEWS-JOURNAL TODAY CLAIMED THE CIA WAS INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT PAISLEY WAS KILLED BY RUSSIAN KGB INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.

MARYLAND OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS NO WAY OF PROVING HIS DEATH AS A SUICIDE.

THE CIA SPOKESMAN SAID THE AGENCY WAS WILLING TO LEAVE THE CASE TO THE MARYLAND AUTHORITIES BECAUSE THE AGENCY CONSIDERED IT A POLICE CASE AND NOT A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

THE NEWS-JOURNAL QUOTED CPL. JOHN MURPHY OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SAYING POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY CONTACTED BY THE CIA "BUT YOU CAN TELL THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING QUIETLY AROUND US. IT REALLY IS VERY WEIRD."

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Dear Sir:

*John A. Paisley*

We represent the family of John Paisley who was lost in Chesapeake Bay last October. Subsequent to Mr. Paisley's disappearance, a body was washed ashore and identified as that of Mr. Paisley. The identification was substantiated by the FBI by a comparison of prints known to be those of Mr. Paisley and prints taken from the recovered body.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could have copies of both of these sets of prints for certain other comparisons which we are attempting to make. We will, of course, bear all costs for the reproduction of legible quality to be used in this comparison work.

Sincerely yours,

*B. Fensterwald, Jr.*

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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On 5/29/79 [redacted] Congressional Liaison Officer,  
Bureau of Administration, USES, advised an FBI liaison officer  
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[redacted] Virginia Beach, Virginia, on 6/22/79.  
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Some months ago [redacted] received a telephone call from  
an individual who stated he was from the Soviet Embassy,  
Washington, D. C., and requested that [redacted]  
[redacted] which would arrive several  
weeks thereafter from Washington, D. C., at an airport in the  
Virginia Beach area. The caller did not tell [redacted]

Several calls were made back and forth  
between [redacted] and the Soviet Embassy and in one the above  
person was referred to as "the Admiral." Further, [redacted] was  
told that he must hold this on a very confidential basis or the  
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FBI previously. [redacted] said after his contacts with the Soviets  
he called the FBI Norfolk Office several times and asked  
specifically to talk to the SAC on a matter of importance. The  
SAC was never available, being either in a meeting or out of

1 - WFO (For information)

① - 199-357 (John A. Paisley)

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the office, and never did return [REDACTED] calls. Subsequently, another FBI Agent telephoned [REDACTED] provided the details of the Soviet contacts. [REDACTED] is not sure whether this Agent was in touch with [REDACTED] more than once but the Agent's last words to [REDACTED] were that the FBI would get back to him. However, the FBI did not contact him again. ~~SECRET~~ U

About an hour after the last discussion with the Agent, [REDACTED] received a phone call from a Soviet who told him the [REDACTED] in general terms told [REDACTED] he found this an extremely "funny coincidence" and wondered if the Soviets were tapping FBI phones. ~~SECRET~~ U

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[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being somewhat upset because he was unable to discuss this matter with the SAC Norfolk and because the FBI, after initial contact with him, did not follow through as indicated. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he would pass this information to the proper people in Washington, D. C., and [REDACTED] could expect a possible contact from the FBI. (U)

For additional information, [REDACTED] employee (1962-1963) and his father, [REDACTED] is an [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] worked several years for LEAA and met [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] LEAA Administrator. (U)

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Re: [REDACTED]

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Bureau indices contain no references identifiable with [REDACTED] based upon presently available information.

However, an attorney, [REDACTED] Norfolk, Virginia, was interviewed by Norfolk, which interview was reported in 6/24/68 report of SA [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] aka, SGE Norfolk file 140-840. Norfolk may have more information to ascertain if this person is identical to [REDACTED] (X)

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(U) Norfolk should expeditiously contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for all details, and to resolve pertinent issues, especially as regards the Paisley matter. Norfolk should determine if the necessary courtesies were extended to [REDACTED] at the time of [REDACTED] alleged contact with the Norfolk Office which would have been after October 1, 1973, the date Paisley's body was found. (S)

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TO : Mr. W. O. Cregar

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DATE: 7-2-79

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

PURPOSE:

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To report information received from U. S. Department of State (USDS) official concerning contacts of subject with Soviet Embassy officials and FBI Norfolk Office.

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED], USDS, advised through liaison that [REDACTED] Virginia Beach, Virginia, [REDACTED] told him Soviet Embassy some months ago arranged to [REDACTED] in Virginia Beach area. After attempting to report this directly to SAC Norfolk, [REDACTED] was telephoned by another FBI Agent, to whom [REDACTED] provided details and who indicated FBI would get back to [REDACTED]. The Soviets thereafter cancelled the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was not recontacted by FBI. Later, [REDACTED] realized the proposed date he was to [REDACTED] to Soviets was either day before or day after the day body of John Paisley, former CIA official, was found. Assistant Director Cregar has instructed that CI-1 Section, Intelligence Division (INTD), review this matter and communicate with Norfolk Office (insuring that [REDACTED] be contacted for all details and to resolve all issues), and that all FBI responsibility be completely fulfilled as regards the Paisley matter.

JOHN A. PAISLEY DC,  
Deceased

- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar  
1 - [REDACTED]

- 1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]

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Re: [redacted] Virginia Beach, Virginia

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ACTION:

Forward to CI-1 Section, INTD, for review and for  
initiation of correspondence to Norfolk Office in this matter.

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Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorandum [redacted] to Mr. W. O. Cregar  
Re: [redacted], Virginia Beach, Virginia

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DETAILS:

On 6-29-79 [redacted]  
Bureau of Administration, USDS, advised SA [redacted]  
that he learned the following from [redacted]  
[redacted] Virginia Beach, Virginia, on 6-22-79 [redacted] stipulated he  
was unable to provide actual time frame and identities of persons  
involved.): sxcu

Some months ago [redacted] received a telephone call from an  
individual who stated he was from the Soviet Embassy, Washington,  
D. C., and requested that [redacted] an  
airplane which would arrive several weeks thereafter from Washington,  
D. C., at an airport in the Virginia Beach area. The caller did  
not tell [redacted]  
[redacted] Several calls were made back  
and forth between [redacted] and the Soviet Embassy and in one the above  
person was referred to as "the Admiral." Further, [redacted] was told  
that he must hold this on a very confidential basis or the whole  
deal would be called off. sxcu

According to [redacted] gave the impression he had been  
involved in such things before and had cooperated with the FBI  
previously. [redacted] said after his contacts with the Soviets he  
called the FBI Norfolk Office several times and asked specifically  
to talk to the SAC on a matter of importance. The SAC was never  
available, being either in a meeting or out of the office, and  
never did return [redacted] calls. Subsequently, another FBI Agent  
telephoned [redacted] and [redacted] provided the details of the Soviet  
contacts. [redacted] is not sure whether this Agent was in touch with  
[redacted] more than once but the Agent's last words to [redacted] were  
that the FBI would get back to him. However, the FBI did not  
contact him again. sxcu

About an hour after the last discussion with the Agent  
[redacted] received a phone call from a Soviet who told him [redacted]  
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found this an extremely "funny coincidence" and wondered if the  
Soviets were tapping FBI phones. sxcu

Later, [redacted] became aware through the media of the  
disappearance, and subsequent finding of the body, of John Paisley,  
the former CIA official. He realized that the proposed date he was  
to meet the Soviet official [redacted] was either  
the day before or the day after Paisley's body was found. [redacted] (C)

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Memorandum from [redacted] to Mr. W. O. Cregar  
Re: [redacted] Virginia Beach, Virginia

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(S) also thought this a strange coincidence and of possible significance. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[redacted] described [redacted] as being somewhat upset because he was unable to discuss this matter with the SAC Norfolk and because the FBI, after initial contact with him, did not follow through as indicated. [redacted] told [redacted] he would pass this information to the proper people in Washington, D. C., and [redacted] could expect a possible contact from the FBI. (U) ~~(S)~~ (U)

For additional information, [redacted]  
(1962-1963) and his father, [redacted]  
worked several years for LEAA and met [redacted] through [redacted]  
LEAA Administrator. (U)

This situation was discussed by SA [redacted] with Assistant Director W. O. Cregar, who stated that CI-1 Section should review this matter carefully and should communicate with the Norfolk Office to determine (1) if there is any possible significance <sup>between</sup> the contacts of Soviet Embassy officials with [redacted] and the Paisley matter, and (2) if the necessary courtesies were extended to [redacted] by Norfolk. Further, Mr. Cregar instructed that Norfolk should contact [redacted] for all details and to resolve all pertinent issues. He stressed particularly that all FBI responsibility should be completely fulfilled as regards the Paisley matter. ~~(S)~~ (U)

It is noted Paisley disappeared in September, 1978, and his body was found 10-1-78. (U)

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# Sniper shooting victim worked on CIA projects

By JOE TRENTO

Staff reporter

WHEATON, Md.—A 53-year-old Maryland woman, slain by a sniper in her home, worked as a translator on some of the Central Intelligence Agency's most sensitive projects.

The Sunday News Journal has learned through police and CIA sources that police now believe the murder of Irene Yaskovich may be related to her work for the spy agency. Police say they have recovered sensitive intelligence documents from the murder scene.

Mrs. Yaskovich was shot in the back as she sat at a typewriter in the dining room of her Arcola Avenue home 17 days ago.

The front of her house was peppered with bullet holes, perhaps from a semi-automatic weapon fired by one or several snipers.

Neighbors knew the mother of three as a civic activist who often kept to her home for long periods. What they didn't know, and what the initial news stories did not disclose, is that she had been working for the CIA for perhaps 30 years.

Montgomery County Police investigating the killing say they have no suspects. But spokesman Phillip B. Caswell said the police "are looking for CIA employment. We have no other motive right now. We are hoping this might give us a clue."

The Sunday News Journal has confirmed through top-level CIA sources that Mrs. Yaskovich had worked as a Russian translator for the CIA since the early 1950s.

She had done translation for a number of CIA officials and for Soviet defectors who were under the agency's protection.

Mrs. Yaskovich also served as a translator for the agency's Office of Strategic Research, a role that brought her into contact with John A. Paisley, the former deputy director of that office.

Paisley's disappearance while he was sailing on the Chesapeake Bay on Sept. 24, 1978, caused tremors in the intelligence community. The case still has not been explained to the satisfaction of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Caswell said "numerous documents that we cannot talk about" were recovered from the Yaskovich household. Police sources say the documents are obviously the property of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the CIA.

Other local police departments are cooperating in the investigation because of their experience in previous national security cases, including the Paisley case.

The CIA will not comment on Mrs. Yaskovich's work as a Russian translator. Spokesman Dale Peterson said, "We can neither confirm nor deny allegations of Mrs. Yaskovich's employment with the CIA."

The Sunday News Journal has learned, however, from her family, police and CIA sources that Mrs. Yaskovich was considered a top translator at the CIA and had been given a variety of high-level security clearances.

As of now police don't even have an idea what kind of weapon was used in the slaying of Mrs. Yaskovich. Bullet fragments recovered from the body and from the dining room wall have been sent to the Treasury Department's Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Division laboratory.

CIA sources said Mrs. Yaskovich began her career with the intelligence community in the early 1950s. In recent years she worked at home as a contract translator. Among the communications she translated were those obtained through the top-secret electronic listening post that the CIA tunneled into East Germany in 1961.

According to CIA sources, Mrs. Yaskovich translated work, includ-

ing conversations with several defectors, on a regular basis for the agency's Office of Strategic Research and John Paisley. Mrs. Yaskovich's murder is at least the third death or disappearance in the last 20 months of Americans involved in highly secret Soviet intelligence work.

In addition to the Paisley case, there is the still unsolved murder of a State Department code officer, Ralph Madden. Madden's body was found, with multiple stab wounds, in a suburban Virginia field on April 30. Madden had access to secret information at the State Department. Police have no clues in that slaying, which is also being investigated by the State Department's Office of Security.

Police investigating Mrs. Yaskovich's murder say she was shot late on the night of June 5. In the unpretentious suburban Washington, D. C. neighborhood, police say, usually the most serious crimes are occasional burglaries. However, no evidence of a break-in was found at the Yaskovich home.

Police believe at least one sniper aimed a weapon—probably a semi-automatic rifle—at the front of the house and began shooting. A large number of bullet holes in the front of the house made police suspect there was more than one gunman.

Neighbor Trish Oliverio, 17, says she heard the sounds. "My sister thought it was firecrackers, but I knew it wasn't."

Police believe the sniper or snipers sprayed shots across the front of the house at 1817 Arcola Ave. beginning about 11:30 p.m.

"If it were an automatic rifle or handgun the murder would have taken just a few minutes," according to Caswell.

About 12:15 a.m. Friday, Mrs. Yaskovich's teen-age daughter Janice came home from work and found her mother dead on the bedroom floor. Police believe Mrs. Yaskovich

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lived about half an hour after being shot and crawled several feet.

Harold Yaskovich, her husband of 27 years, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, did not learn of his wife's death until the next day when he returned from a consulting assignment at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va. Police interviewed him at length and say he is not a suspect.

The couple has another daughter and a son.

The victim had pushed for street lighting on Arcola Avenue and fought a federally funded subsidized housing project in a nearby development.

Neighbors are puzzled by the killing. They recall Mrs. Yaskovich as a woman who always had a petition to be signed. The Yaskoviches' acti-

vities caused the family to expand to a second house. Three years ago they bought the house next door.

Mrs. Yaskovich was a popular volunteer worker in the Newton Steers for Congress campaign. Several of the Republican candidate's staff attended her funeral.

Her work in the intelligence community began in her native Pittsburgh. She was recruited by the CIA while she was an employee of the Interior Department. In 1955 she was given a cover assignment with the Harry Diamond Laboratory in Washington. The Diamond Labs were used as a CIA front during the 1950, according to CIA sources.

The CIA sponsored her education at Georgetown Universities Institute of Language and Linguistics.



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The Deputy Attorney General

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 29, 1979,  
to the Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman, SSCI, U. S. Senate, con-  
cerning [redacted]

Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum  
classified "Secret," titled [redacted]

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Subsequently, [redacted] information was a matter of  
discussion between [redacted] of  
the SSCI Staff and personnel of this Bureau on May 22, 1979.

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- 1 - 199-357 (Paisley)
- 62-117121 (SSCI)
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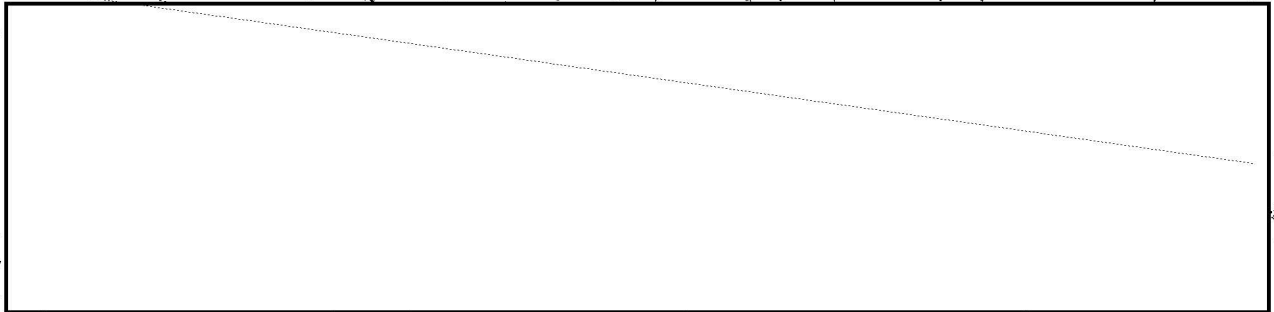
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Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

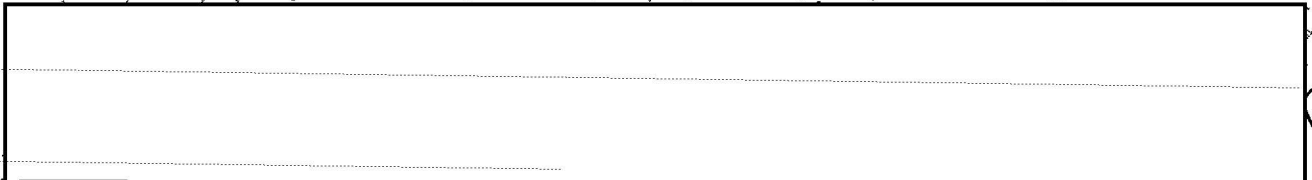
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(U) [redacted] as a special quota immigrant. In the Soviet Union, he worked as a political scientist at the Russian equivalent of the Rand Corporation. Serious doubts exist regarding his bona fides. (S)

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Center for Strategic and International Studies. (U)

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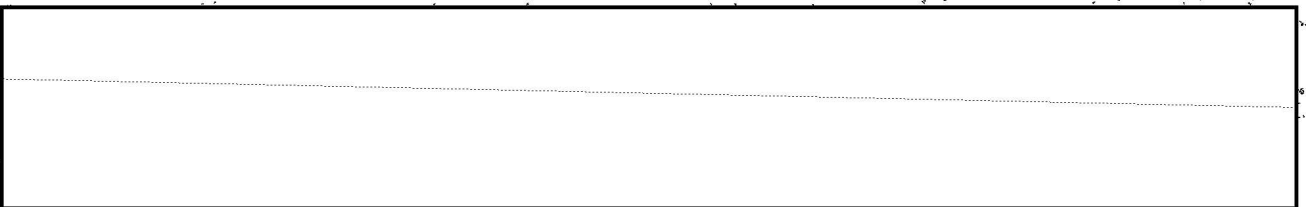
[redacted] of the SSCI are aware of this information. Above furnishes the SSCI [redacted]

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- 1 - Associate Director
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - (Attn: [redacted])
  - 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- June 25, 1979

1 - [redacted]

(U) On June 4, 1979, Special Agents of this Bureau inter-  
viewed [redacted] at his residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] Virginia. (S)

(U) At the outset, [redacted] was advised that the FBI had become  
aware of certain information [redacted] possessed concerning retired  
CIA officer John Paisley and that the FBI would be interested in  
receiving all facts available to [redacted] regarding this matter. (S)

(U) [redacted] prefaced his remarks by saying he had no direct  
facts or evidence relating to the death of Paisley but has developed  
certain theories and impressions based on what he has heard and  
read. (S)

(U) [redacted] stated he met Paisley several years ago at an  
academic function, noting both were concerned with Soviet strategic  
capabilities. [redacted] described Paisley as a casual acquaintance,  
adding that they had met several months before Paisley's death.  
[redacted] advised that at this last meeting Paisley began to complain  
about his [redacted] and appeared to be under "mental  
stress." According to [redacted] Paisley had also been drinking  
heavily for some time. (S)

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When questioned concerning his knowledge of [REDACTED] (phonetic), [REDACTED] stated that during February, 1979, he had invited [REDACTED] to a US-USSR-China seminar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University. However, a few days before the seminar, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] to advise he had to bring another Soviet to the seminar. When asked his name, [REDACTED] stated he did not know but that the individual was a counselor who dealt with China matters. [REDACTED] subsequently identified a photograph of [REDACTED] as the man he thought was [REDACTED] stating that he had confused the two names. (S)

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When asked if he had any information concerning travel of [REDACTED] to North Carolina, [REDACTED] stated he knew where the FBI had received this information. [REDACTED] advised that during his discussions with this source of information, he had mentioned that John Paisley was acquainted with the Soviet defector Yuriy Nosenko and that Paisley had traveled to North Carolina to visit Nosenko in the past. [REDACTED] said he did not say [REDACTED] traveled there and assumes he was misinterpreted. [REDACTED] believes his later discussion about [REDACTED] was confused with the Paisley conversation. (S)

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PURPOSE:

To advise of discussion with [redacted] b6  
[redacted] Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) b7C  
regarding his interest in captioned matters as they may  
or may not relate to the SSCI inquiry into the death of  
former CIA officer John A. Paisley. (U)

ACTION:

None. For information and record. (U)

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1 - 199-357 (Paisley)  
1 - 62-117121 (SSCI)

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Memorandum to [redacted]

(S) Re: [redacted]

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DETAILS:

(U) On 6/15/79, [redacted] SSCI Staff, telephonically contacted the writer [and, in cryptic terms, made reference to a previous oral briefing afforded him by CI-1 Section, INTD, representatives on our investigation of Soviet emigre [redacted]; noted an inference was made therein that [redacted] may have had a close relationship with a DOD official; and requested to be advised as to the specific component of DOD to which that information had been disseminated, if it was in fact disseminated.] [redacted] was advised the information requested by him would be addressed in our forthcoming response to SSCI Q.#8193, dated 5/4/79, which communication requested access to FBI reports and other relevant information on [redacted] (X)

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[redacted] then inquired if the writer had read an article that appeared in the 6/10/79 edition of The Baltimore Sun captioned "Top-secret notebook found on Paisley's boat," by correspondents Tom Nugent and Steve Parks (copy attached). [When the writer replied in the affirmative, [redacted] indicated he felt compelled to look into the

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(U) the writer advised [redacted] that it was certainly the SSCI's prerogative to allow the course of its inquiry into the death of Paisley to be dictated by highly speculative news reports; however, the writer specifically would recommend that the FBI not follow a similar course of action. [redacted] was further advised that writer would personally recommend to his superiors that SSCI staff be denied access to our [redacted] files in the absence of any credible relevancy to SSCI oversight responsibilities.] (S)

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# Top-secret notebook found on Paisley's boat

By TOM NUGENT and STEVE PARKS  
Sun Staff Correspondents

Washington—A CIA "red-line" telephone notebook—containing top-secret numbers of American spies—was among the effects left by John Arthur Paisley, the high-ranking intelligence officer who allegedly committed suicide last September.

Maryland State Police and Mr. Paisley's wife say that the notebook contained numbers and names in his own handwriting. The book bore a strip of red tape along its outside left edge—a CIA marking which indicates that it must never leave agency headquarters and must be kept in a safe.

The notebook contained top-secret telephone numbers which connected with American intelligence-gathering operatives, according to Central Intelligence Agency sources who have examined it and Senate Intelligence Committee investigators who also learned that the notebook was found among Mr. Paisley's possessions.

The notebook was discovered in a briefcase full of papers, recovered from Mr. Paisley's boat, the 34-foot sloop Brillig, a few days after a body said to be Mr. Paisley's was found floating in the Chesapeake Bay last October 1.

The Maryland State Police confirmed that they looked at the red-line book, but pointed out that the briefcase in which it was contained already had been handled by several people by the time they arrived on the scene to investigate the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the body. The first people to board the boat were two United States coast guardsmen, who had been called to the scene of the abandoned Brillig, and representatives of

the CIA, who were notified by the Coast Guard.

The State Police, therefore, while confirming that they found the phone book in the briefcase, do not dismiss the possibility that it might have been planted there.

The discovery of the red-line phone book, along with several recent statements by officials in the U.S. intelligence community, suggests that Mr. Paisley may have been involved in covert operations at the time of his disappearance—rather than doing routine weapons-analysis work, as the CIA has maintained.

The red-line notebook, an indexed office model with a metal pop-up cover, contained several telephone numbers without names next to them. It also contained a few numbers listed next to the names of agency personnel—among them, a name identified by sources as that of the current London CIA station chief.

Taking such a notebook, which contains the unlisted numbers of covert intelligence operatives working at the agency, out of headquarters, is considered a security breach, according to CIA sources familiar with the agency's communications system.

"You know, for most of us who work here," said one CIA analyst who works in the agency headquarters in Langley, Va., "it's just like any other job. But the people whose numbers are in the red-line books, well, that's certainly the covert side."

Since his alleged suicide eight months ago, the CIA has maintained that John Paisley had no contact with the agency's

covert operations and that he had never worked in counterintelligence.

But The Sun's six-month investigation of the case has revealed a John Paisley who differs in some respects from the one characterized by the CIA.

Sources currently in the CIA and a former high-ranking officer of the agency, as well as naval intelligence sources within the Defense Intelligence Agency, have said this of Mr. Paisley's covert career with the CIA:

- Mr. Paisley regularly interrogated both dissident emigrants and political defectors from the Soviet Union—questioning, among others, a former KGB agent, Yuri Nosenko, and Capt. Nicholas Shadrin, a defector from the Soviet Navy—in an effort to locate possible Soviet intelligence operatives within the ranks of dissidents or to sniff out double agents among the defectors.

- According to one counterintelligence source, Mr. Paisley wrote out questions for Mr. Nosenko—"requirements" to establish the defector's credibility or "bona fides"—which were presented by professional interrogators, often under hostile circumstances. Mr. Paisley also analyzed Mr. Nosenko's responses, the source said.

- Several other agency sources have confirmed the questioning of both Mr. Nosenko and Captain Shadrin. In addition, Eva Shadrin, the wife of the Soviet naval officer (he disappeared while walking through a public square in Vienna in 1975) said Wednesday that her husband in recent years had moored his sailboat at tiny Solomons Island, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay.

- John Paisley also moored his sailboat—the Brillig—at Solomons. It was from this mooring, owned by Col. Norman Willson, said to be the last man to communicate with Mr. Paisley, that he set sail last September 24 on the voyage that ended in his disappearance and alleged suicide.

- In addition, Mrs. Paisley and other agency sources have said that the CIA has operated a "safe house" (a protected location in which intelligence activities, such as defector interviews, are carried out) at Solomons for many years. Mrs. Paisley says her husband often mentioned interrogation sessions that had taken place on the island.

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During the early stages of the second round in the strategic arms limitation talks which took place in Helsinki, Mr. Paisley was approached by agents of the KGB—the Soviet intelligence counterpart to the CIA—and was asked to become a double-agent (to provide information to the Soviet Union) on the subject of the U.S. negotiating position at the talks. Mr. Paisley immediately reported the contact to his superiors in the CIA, and was advised to "take the pitch," according to sources.

Mr. Paisley, sources said, subsequently fed information to the KGB about the United States fallback position in the SALT negotiations and about how the U.S. intended to "cheat" on SALT. It is not known whether Mr. Paisley fed the Russians accurate information or "disinformation," as deliberate misinformation is known in the intelligence world.

Mr. Paisley apparently was involved, about five years ago, in an extraordinarily complicated, agency-wide search for a well-entrenched Soviet double-agent, or "mole," who had penetrated the highest levels of the CIA command.

That search, which reportedly culminated in a byzantine operation called "Kitty Hawk," focused on secret communications in which both the CIA and the KGB regularly contacted Captain Shadrin, Mr. Nosenko, and two other KGB defectors—a spy named Klimov (his name was later changed to Anatoly Golitsyn) and another, known as "Igor," whose last name is believed to have been Kubkov.

While the complicated series of counterintelligence maneuvers that produced Kitty Hawk has not yet been made clear, it is known that Captain Shadrin, who had defected to the West from the Soviet Union in 1959, was approached by KGB operatives, reportedly in 1966, and asked to "double"—to begin supplying the Russians with intelligence information.

Captain Shadrin reported the contact to his superior, Adm. Rufus Taylor, of the naval intelligence section of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Admiral Taylor, who died a few weeks before Mr. Paisley's disappearance last year, conferred with James Jesus Angleton, then head of the CIA's Counter-Intelligence Division. Mr. Angleton advised Admiral Taylor to persuade the Russian defector to take the pitch.

Captain Shadrin did. According to sources, he began feeding the Russians disinformation from a variety of CIA sources. It is believed, however, that one of these sources might have been the "mole"—and that the disinformation which he was providing might have been coded, thus re-establishing a link which had been broken by National Security Agency de-coders in the early 1970's.

From 1972 to 1974, a study was done within the CIA on who the mole might be. The report was put on the desk of the then-director of central intelligence, William J. Mohr.

Soon after the completion of the report, which grew out of operation Kitty Hawk, Captain Shadrin disappeared while walking through a public square in Vienna. Allegedly, he was in plain view of the CIA station in that city when he disappeared and has not been heard from since.

Some agency sources believe that Mr. Paisley—in his role as deputy chief of the CIA Office of Strategic Research—may have been charged with collecting and collating the disinformation which was provided to the Russians and fed back by the U.S. during operation Kitty Hawk. These sources also suggest that Mr. Paisley might have been analyzing the wording of the information provided by the CIA sources—in order to unravel the code, and thus unearth the mole.

"Paisley may have gotten caught in the middle," suggests one intelligence source. "Maybe he learned who the mole was. Or maybe he stumbled across some piece of information which might have led to the mole—and which made him an instant liability."

There is some other evidence to suggest that Mr. Paisley was deeply involved in counterintelligence work—and perhaps in a search for a mole—at the time of his death.

Mr. Paisley reports that James Angleton asked her to meet him in a bar, a few months after her husband's death. "He came in wearing a black trenchcoat, a hat pulled down low over his eyes, and carrying a newspaper under his arm," she says.

"He walked past my table, circled the entire bar, sat down at a table and then beckoned me over."

"He said he had only two questions to ask me. He wanted to know which CIA operatives John had known during his time at the Imperial War College in London, for one thing."

Mr. Paisley refuses to permit Mr. Angleton's second question to be printed, claiming that it is "too sensitive."

According to agency sources, Mr. Paisley had several meetings—as late as last August, about a month before his disappearance—with the current director of

central intelligence, Adm. Stansfield Turner. Admiral Turner consistently has minimized Mr. Paisley's role within the agency since the body identified as Mr. Paisley's first surfaced.

Investigators at the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, who have refused to accept an earlier FBI finding which characterized Mr. Paisley's death as an apparent suicide, have confirmed that their continuing investigation focuses on certain counterintelligence activities in which they believe Mr. Paisley to have been involved.

There are literally dozens of unanswered questions about both Mr. Paisley's disappearance and the nature of the work he was doing for the agency in recent years. These include:

- The first document the U.S. Coast Guard found after boarding the Brilling last September 25. According to Mrs. Paisley, it was a badge marked "Washington Post Agent No. [followed by a three-digit number]". The Coast Guard immediately called the Post, and was told that the newspaper did not have an "agent" named Mr. Paisley on its payroll.

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At one point, subject stated that [redacted] father saw

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For your additional information, we have interviewed [redacted] regarding subject. These interviews will be furnished you in the near future. ~~(S)~~ (S)

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT  
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June 22, 1979

On June 4, 1979, Special Agents of this Bureau inter-  
viewed [redacted] at his residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] Virginia. (S)

(U) At the outset, [redacted] was advised that the FBI had become  
aware of certain information [redacted] possessed concerning retired  
CIA officer John Paisley and that the FBI would be interested in  
(U) receiving all facts available to [redacted] regarding this matter. (C)

(U) [redacted] prefaced his remarks by saying he had no direct  
facts or evidence relating to the death of Paisley but has developed  
certain theories and impressions based on what he has heard and  
read. (C)

(U) [redacted] stated he met Paisley several years ago at an  
academic function, noting both were concerned with Soviet strategic  
capabilities. [redacted] described Paisley as a casual acquaintance,  
adding that they had met several months before Paisley's death.  
(U) [redacted] advised that at this last meeting Paisley began to complain  
about his wife and girl friend and appeared to be under "mental  
stress." According to [redacted] Paisley had also been drinking  
heavily for some time. (C)

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When questioned concerning his knowledge of [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] stated that during February, 1979, he had invited [redacted] to a US-USSR-China seminar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University. However, a few days before the seminar, [redacted] telephoned [redacted] to advise he had to bring another Soviet to the seminar. When asked his name, [redacted] stated he did not know but that the individual was a counselor who dealt with China matters. [redacted] subsequently identified a photograph of [redacted] as the man he thought was [redacted] stating that he had confused the two names. (S)

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When asked if he had any information concerning travel of [redacted] to North Carolina, [redacted] stated he knew where the FBI had received this information. [redacted] advised that during his discussions with this source of information, he had mentioned that John Paisley was acquainted with the Soviet defector Yuriy Nosenko and that Paisley had traveled to North Carolina to visit Nosenko in the past. [redacted] said he did not say [redacted] traveled there and assumes he was misinterpreted. [redacted] believes his later discussion about [redacted] and [redacted] was confused with the Paisley conversation. (S)

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1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar

June 28, 1979

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Honorable Birch Bayh  
Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bayh:

Reference is made to your letter, dated May 4, 1979,  
(your reference Q. 88193) and my letter dated May 29, 1979.  
Reference is also made to a telephone conversation between  
[REDACTED] of the Committee's Staff and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of this Bureau on June 15, 1979. (U)

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For your information, we are forwarding the results  
of our interview of [REDACTED] on June 4, 1979, through  
the normal Department of Justice channels. During the interview,  
[REDACTED] stated that he had no evidence relating to the death  
of retired CIA officer John Paisley.

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Honorable Birch Bayh  
United States Senate

Concerning [redacted] oral request to Special Agent [redacted] in referenced telephone conversation, i. e., to be advised of the specific identity of any component of the Department of Defense to which information concerning [redacted] and/or his wife has been disseminated by the FBI, please be advised that certain information then considered to be of proprietary interest to the Defense Intelligence Agency was disseminated to that Agency by memorandum captioned [redacted] dated September 18, 1975. That information partially dealt with allegations of a relationship between [redacted] and a civilian employee of the Department of Defense and was considered to be of a personnel security interest to the Defense Intelligence Agency. We have no record of the identity of the recipient of the memorandum. The information was also furnished then Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld by letter dated December 8, 1975. Mr. Rumsfeld's office later furnished information that no such person was employed by the Department of Defense. (U) (S)

The Freedom of Information Branch of this Bureau has not completed its processing of [redacted] request for our holdings concerning him. It is anticipated that processing will be completed in the near future. In view of the above information, please advise us if you still want to review these holdings since our Intelligence Division must reprocess the file to protect sources and methods. (S) (u)

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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[REDACTED] is currently employed by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies. (U)

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(S) [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] or [REDACTED] SSCI are aware of this information. By letter dated 5/4/79, Chairman Bayh of the SSCI requested we make our holdings regarding [REDACTED] available for review by the SSCI. Referenced letter 5/29/79 advised Chairman Bayh that [REDACTED] and his wife had requested their files under FOIPA and that processing is being completed. ~~SECRET~~

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(U) [Above advises that we have interviewed [REDACTED] regarding his allegations which were based on theory and not fact and that the results are being furnished by separate communication.] Above also responds to the SSCI to advise us if they continue to require our file on [REDACTED] to be reviewed. Processing remains incomplete at this time and to protect sources and methods the excision process for the SSCI would require a number of Agent work days. Prior to initiating these excisions, the SSCI's desires are solicited. (S)

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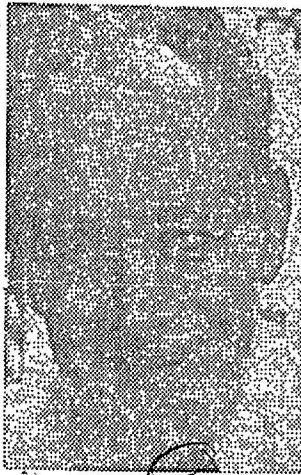
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# Metropolitan News Today

## Paisley CIA Role Questioned

Former CIA intelligence officer John A. Paisley regularly interrogated both dissident emigrants and political defectors from the Soviet Union, according to the Baltimore Sun.



**JOHN A. PAISLEY**  
Notebook found on boat

The newspaper's six-month investigation of the case has revealed a Paisley who differs in some respects from the routine weapons analyst characterized by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Paisley disappeared last fall after going sailing on the Chesapeake Bay in his 34-foot sloop Brillig. A few days later, a body said to be his was found floating in the bay and the death was ruled as

a probable suicide.

The discovery of a top-secret CIA telephone notebook among Paisley's effects in a briefcase on the boat also suggests the former high-ranking CIA intelligence officer may have been involved in covert operations at the time of his disappearance, the Sun said.

The "red-line" book — which contained top-secret numbers of American spies — bore a strip of red tape along its edge. That CIA marking indicates it must never leave agency headquarters, where it is kept in a safe.

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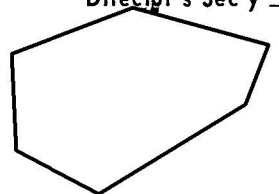
**Panel to Probe Paisley Death**

The Senate Intelligence Committee, unhappy over an FBI refusal to pursue the inquiry further, has decided to undertake its own limited probe into the mysterious death of retired CIA officer John Paisley.

When Paisley's body, belted with diver's weights, was fished out of Chesapeake Bay on Oct. 1, 1978, several theories arose over the cause of his death, which police called a suicide.

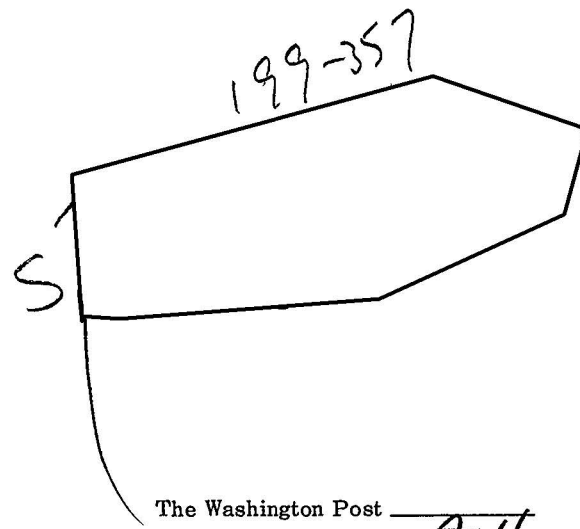
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(PAISLEY)

BALTIMORE (UPI) - NEW EVIDENCE INDICATES A STRUGGLE MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL WHOSE DEATH WAS LATER EXPLAINED AS A SUICIDE, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.

THE BALTIMORE SUN SAID AN UNIDENTIFIED COAST GUARDSMAN TOLD IT THAT JOHN PAISLEY, 54, MAY HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED WHILE EATING LUNCH ON HIS SLOOP THE DAY HE DISAPPEARED SEPT. 24. PAISLEY'S BODY, BOUND WITH WEIGHTS AND WITH A BULLET WOUND IN THE HEAD, WAS FOUND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OCT. 1.

PAISLEY'S WIDOW MARYANN SAID HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND WAS WRITING A REPORT AND A TABLE ON THE BOAT WAS THE ONLY ADEQUATE WRITING SURFACE. BUT THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THE TABLE WAS PULLED AWAY FROM A WALL AT AN ANGLE THAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO USE FOR WRITING.

THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE RULED PAISLEY'S DEATH AN "APPARENT SUICIDE," BUT SAID THE INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT END. 199-357-A

OTHER SOURCES TOLD THE SUN PAISLEY WAS NOT A LOWER-LEVEL CONSULTANT TO THE CIA AS THE AGENCY DESCRIBED HIM BUT ACTUALLY WAS ENGAGED IN ANALYZING DOCUMENTS THAT ASSESSED SOVIET NUCLEAR CAPABILITY.

A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD SAID, "PAISLEY WAS INVOLVED, ALL ALONG, IN HIGHLY SENSITIVE ESTIMATES OF SOVIET CAPABILITY, AND THIS WASN'T ACADEMIC, OUTSIDE STUFF. 62 APR 10 1979 IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE NITTY GRITTY."

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] OLIA, ROOM 7452)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (199-32) (Sq. 15) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN A. PAISLEY (DECEASED)  
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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This communication is classified "~~SECRET~~" in its entirety.

RE telcalls from SSA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Office of Liaison and International Affairs (OLIA), FBIHQ, to [REDACTED] Baltimore Division.

Enclosed are the following:

(1) copy of letter directed to SSA [REDACTED] FBI, from [REDACTED] Commander, Criminal Investigation Division, Maryland State Police (MSP), Pikesville, Maryland;

(2) one copy each of Criminal Investigation Report (CIR) J-83-08252, and 28 Supplemental Reports;

(3) MSP Request for Laboratory Examination (Ballistics);

(4) MSP Laboratory Services Report, dated 10/13/78;

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(5) FBI Report of Latent Fingerprint Section, Ident Division, dated 1/23/79;

(6) State of Maryland Department of Post Mortem Examiners, Autopsy Record -- County Case;

(7) Newspaper articles, note and State of Maryland, Natural Resources Police Report, case number 78-09112.

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ENCLOSED FOR THE BUREAU ARE COPIES OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE (MSP), PIKESVILLE, MD. AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

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STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF POST MORTEM EXAMINERS

**AUTOPSY RECORD—COUNTY CASE**

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DATE 06-27-2008 BY 60322 UC/LP/STP/JCF

NAME OF DECEASED JOHN PAISLEY

AUTOPSY No. 78-1628

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED 1500 Massachuset Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

CALVERT

COUNTY

(COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURRED)

AGE 55 SEX Male COLOR White WEIGHT 144 HEIGHT 5'11"

REFERRED BY DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER [REDACTED] M.D.

OF

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	DATE	TIME	PLACE	MANNER
INJURY	?	?	Chesapeake near PNAS	gunshot wound to head
DEATH	10/1/78	6:10PM	Chesapeake near PNAS	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL CAUSE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED
AUTOPSIED	10/2/78	11:00PM	OCME 111 Penn Street Baltimore, Maryland	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

BODY REMOVED FROM N.O.L. Solomon

BY Colonial Funeral Home

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(HOUR) (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

ACCUSED [REDACTED] RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

NOTE: THE ORIGINAL OF THIS RECORD WITH THE FINDINGS ON FORM PM 9, SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, 700 FLEET STREET, BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND.

A COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO: DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR Calvert COUNTY yes YES NO

STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR Calvert COUNTY yes YES NO

[REDACTED]  
Associate Pathologist

DATE [REDACTED] (SIGNED) Russell S. Fisher, M.D.

(APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)

Chief Medical Examiner

AUTOPSY REPORT — COUNTY CASE

NAME OF DECEASED JOHN PAISLEY

AUTOPSY # 78-1628

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH OCTOBER  
(MONTH)

1 1978  
(DAY)

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(COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURRED)

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The clad body is that of an adequately nourished, well developed White male showing advanced decomposition changes, measuring 5'11" and weighing 144 pounds. The clothing will be described in detail below. There is no scalp hair present. There is a gunshot wound to the head to be described below in detail. There is green-tan-brown mottling of the face, chest, abdomen, and extremities with skin slipping. There is "washer womans" skin of the hands and feet. The color of the irides cannot be ascertained due to decomposition changes. The external ears show multiple irregular defects. There is a full denture at the maxillary jaw. The lower jaw shows natural dentition (see attached chart). The protruding tongue is brownish gray. The penis is circumcised and both testes are descended into the scrotum. Rigor mortis is absent.

Received with the body is a wrist watch at the left wrist having a silver colored stretch watch band, a black face with green numerals. The make is "CHALET". Also received is a blue cigarette lighter.

CLOTHING:

The body is clad in a soiled white t-shirt, brand name Jockey size 38-40, a pair of solid blue Levi slacks with a zippered pocket at the right front and two zippered pockets overlying the buttock pockets, a pair of white, soiled jockeyshorts brand name "JOCKEY" size 30 and light blue socks. Around the upper abdomen is a black divers belt with lead weights and a silver colored buckle and the initial "S". Received separately is a red skin divers belt with lead weights. The combined weight of both skin diver belts is 38 pounds.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

GUNSHOT WOUND, PENETRATING HEAD:

The entrance wound is located in the left parietal occipital region, 3" below the top of the head and 5½" to the left of the sagittal midline. Brain tissue is exuding from the wound. The wound is irregularly rounded, 1½" x 1", a small amount of grayish discoloration at the margin, and no marginal abrasion. The wound penetrates the scalp, passes through the occipital parietal skull with internal bevelling and powder deposition around the bony defect and on the dura. The brain is liquified and a large caliber, jacketed, deformed missile is found within the liquid brain substance and is not initialed for future identification (victim unidentified). The calvarium and base of the skull show numerous linear and comminuted fractures. The trajectory of the missile is from left to right, but due to the liquified state of the brain, and the multiple fractures of the skull, the trajectory cannot be further defined. The jacket is recovered at the entrance wound, separate from the lead missile which is recovered in the brain substance within the cranial vault.

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(APPROVED PATHOLOGIST)

M.D.

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There is no evidence of medical therapy.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION:** The autopsy is performed utilizing the thoraco-abdominal and posterior scalp incisions. Trooper [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] of Maryland State Police are in attendance and have taken the cigarette lighter, upper denture, pubic hair, wrist watch, and the deformed lead missile and copper jacket in evidence.

**HEAD:** The reflected scalp reveals an area of pinkish red discoloration underlying the gunshot wound, measuring 2"x3". There is a comminuted fracture of the parietal occipital skull with internal bevelling and powder deposition on the bone and dura. The meninges show an entrance defect. The brain is liquified. There are linear and radiating fractures from the wound defect involving the left parietal, right parietal, and right frontal bones, and there are multiple linear and comminuted fractures of the base of the skull involving right and left posterior fossae, petrous temporal bones bilaterally, right and left middle cerebral fossae, sphenoid bone, and the orbital roofs bilaterally.

**NECK:** The airway is clear. The laryngeal and tracheal mucosa show greenish gray discoloration. The hyoid bone, laryngeal cartilages, and cervical vertebral column are intact.

**BODY CAVITIES:** The pleural, pericardial and peritoneal cavities show dusky, grayish green surfaces and no abnormal accumulation of fluids.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** A 260 gm heart is normal in configuration. There is moderate atherosclerosis of the right coronary and left anterior descending coronary arteries with 40% stenosis. The myocardium and endocardium are autolysed. The intact aorta show moderate atherosclerosis.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The right and left lungs weigh 560 gm and 540 gm respectively. Both lungs are autolysed and show dark bluish purple discoloration of the pleural surfaces and parenchyma. The bronchial tree shows grayish green discoloration of the mucosa. The pulmonary vascular tree is unremarkable.

**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** The 1260 gm liver is covered by a dusky grayish tan capsule and the reddish gray parenchyma is autolysed. The gallbladder contains 6, tan, faceted gallstones. The extrahepatic bile ducts are unremarkable.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** The tongue is tannish gray and protuberant. The esophagus reveals a grayish-green mucosa and the stomach is empty. The gastric mucosa; small and large bowel mucosae show greenish gray discoloration. The appendix is present.

JOHN PAISLEY  
OCTOBER 1, 1978

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GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The right and left kidneys weigh 140 gms respectively. The capsules strip with ease to reveal dark reddish brown cortices. The cortical-medullary junction is vague and the tissue is autolyzed. The ureters, urinary bladder and prostate gland are unremarkable.

SPLEEN AND PANCREAS: The 90 gm spleen is covered by a grayish blue wrinkled capsule. The brownish blue parenchyma is soft. The pancreas is autolyzed.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid, adrenal, and pituitary glands are autolyzed.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: See evidence of injury.

#### MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

##### ENTRANCE WOUND - SCALP TISSUE:

The sections show portions of autolyzed soft tissues and bone fragments with clusters of yellow-brown crystalline pigment compatible with gunpowder residue.

JOHN PAISLEY  
OCTOBER 1, 1978

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#### MANNER OF IDENTIFICATION

The victim is identified as JOHN PAISLEY, (FBI-JACK PAISLEY) a 55 year old White male, measuring 5'11" and weighing 145 pounds.

The victim is identified by several means. The fingerprints of the victim match those on file for JACK PAISLEY as established by FBI. The victim's upper denture and dental records correspond to those of Mr. Paisley according to [redacted] Mr. Paisley's dentist. The wrist watch accompanying the victim belongs to Mr. Paisley according to Mr. Paisley's relatives.

*mf* The height of Mr. Paisley was originally recorded in error as 5'7". It is corrected to 5'11" by Dr. Russell Fisher [redacted] November 21, 1978



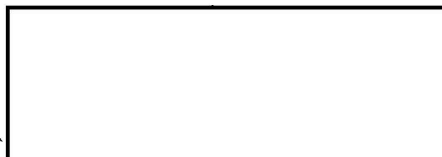
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DIAGNOSES:

1. Gunshot wound, penetrating head, close-contact range
  - a. entrance in left occipital parietal region with powder deposition within wound and on skull
  - b. cranio-cerebral injury
  - c. missile recovered, large caliber, deformed, jacketed, lead
  - d. trajectory: left to right (cannot be further evaluated)
2. Advanced decomposition changes of external body surface and internal organs
3. Cholelithiasis

OPINION:

JOHN PAISLEY, a 55 year old White male showing advanced decomposition changes, died of a penetrating gunshot wound to the head. The manner of death is undetermined.



Associate Pathologist

*Russell S. Fisher M.D.*  
Russell S. Fisher, M.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

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BLOOD: TYPE - Unsuccessful

ALCOHOL: KIDNEY (Decomposed) 0.18% Concentration cannot be interpreted since ethyl alcohol can be produced by decomposing tissue.

BILE: DRUG SCREEN - negative

KIDNEY: DRUG SCREEN - negative

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TO: Prince Frederick Post

DATE: October 13, 1978

ATTENTION: Cpl. [REDACTED] 2381

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The use of this laboratory report and/or the examiner will not be authorized for use in any civil proceeding. It is further understood that the evidence submitted is in connection with an official investigation of a criminal matter. This evidence has not been, nor will it be, examined by any other agency.

*T. S. Smith*  
Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent  
Maryland State Police

Reference To Case No: J83-08252

Laboratory No: F8-118

## Results of Examination/Analysis:

An examination was conducted using the submitted jacket, and bullet core marked for identification (Q-1) & (Q-1A).

As a result of this examination the following facts were noted: The combined weight of the core and jacket equals 106.5 wt. The measured dimensions of the land and groove impressions are comparable to numerous makes of 9mm auto type pistols. However two of the most popular makes of pistols are the ASTRA and STARR, that meet the class characteristics of the land and groove dimensions.

The class characteristics eliminate the LUGER, -RADOM- and WALTHER (P-38).

The loaded cartridge (K-1) is a Winchester-Western (W-W) Luger or (Parabellum). However the bullet of K-1 was pulled for examination; the powder charge appears to have been the type used by W-W for this type load. The bullet weight is 106 grains, with a solid base, and exposed lead hollow point.

Telephone communication with a representative of S.A.A.M.I. indicates that W-W has used this type cartridge case for only the past 10 years, but have never loaded this type of bullet in the mentioned type cartridge case. Thus after removal of the bullet from K-1 it was determined that the above described bullet had been loaded in the submitted cartridge (K-1) by someone other than the Winchester-Western Factory.

The evidence bullet jacket (Q-1) was of the same type as the above described pulled bullet (K-1). It was also noted that certain die marks on the solid metal base of both (Q-1) and (K-1) match indicating the possibility of their being from the same manufactured line.

The above evidence is retained in the Ballistic Unit of the Laboratory and will be released to a Representative of your Post after contacting the Ballistic Unit on ext. 286 to arrange for a mutually convenient time of transfer.

Examiner: [REDACTED]

Ballistic Experts

Supervisor: [REDACTED]

CDS Evidence Only:

It is requested that the evidence in this case be picked up promptly upon notification of analysis/examination completion.



## MARYLAND STATE POLICE

## REQUEST FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION

Installation/Agency

Requesting Examination: Prince Frederick Post

Case No: J83-08252

Suspect: \_\_\_\_\_

PH No: \_\_\_\_\_

Victim: Paisley, John Arthur

MCLU No: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense: Recovered body

Date of Offense: 10-1-78

Examination Requested By: Cpl. [REDACTED]

Rank &amp; Name

Lab No: F8-118

Type of Examination Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballistics

Trace Evidence Only: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sex, Race, DOB of Victim and/or Suspect; briefly describe location of crime scene as to ownership and immediate surroundings. Example - Bedroom, Car, Woods, etc.)

LIST OF ARTICLES

Q1 1. Spent projectile

K-1 1a. One (1) 9mm bullet, Luger w-w

Please examine the two articles for similarities. Also attempt to determine caliver of artical #1.

Submit original and three copies with evidence for examination to: Laboratory Services Section, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland 21208

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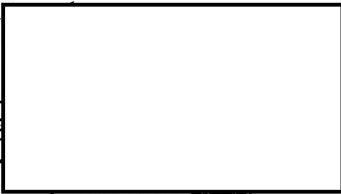
I hereby certify that the evidence submitted in this case and listed on the reverse side of this form is in the same condition as when I received it except that material or portion thereof consumed in the analytical process at the crime laboratory.

## EVIDENCE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/1/79

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## PURPOSE:

(S) To submit for information and record copies of  
additional documents furnished by Senate Select Committee  
on Intelligence (SSCI) Staff derived from its inquiry into  
the death of captioned subject, [REDACTED]

## ACTION:

None. For information and record.

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## DETAILS:

(S) [REDACTED]  
(S) [REDACTED] SSCI conducted inquiry  
into subject's death, but referred the matter to the  
Attorney General (AG) by letter dated 1/23/79. Deputy AG,  
by memorandum 1/26/79, requested FBI to assess and analyze  
available facts regarding subject's death and submit views  
on further investigation deemed warranted.

Enclosures - 5 ENCLOSURE  
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1 - 62-117121 (SSCI)  
1 - [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to [redacted]

Re: [redacted]

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Memorandum [redacted] to [redacted]

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copies of documents made available by [redacted]

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[redacted] on 1/31/79, for purpose of assessment and analysis.

On 2/1/79, [redacted] furnished copies of following documents  
for same purpose:

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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[REDACTED] MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK; [REDACTED]

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(C) ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, FBIHQ WAS CONTACTED BY THE

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ROUTING SLIP DATED

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FOR THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. [ ] LISTED NO SPECIFIC DEMANDS AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CALL BACK.

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CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON STAR NEWSPAPER OFFICIALS REFLECTED THAT [ ] NEVER CALLED BACK. WASHINGTON STAR OFFICIALS ADVISED THAT THE CALL WAS RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THREE MAJOR NETWORKS CARRIED NEWS OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT ACCORDS.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WASHINGTON FIELD IS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER AND IS CLOSING ITS FILE.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, BUREAU INDICES AS WELL AS WASHINGTON FIELD INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING [ ] AND THE MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK.

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THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FBIHQ WHO WAS CONTACTED BY THE [ ] WAS FBIHQ DIVISION SIX NIGHT SUPERVISOR KEN RAUPACH.

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1978,

BY SA [REDACTED] WASHINGTON FIELD.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWSPAPER

WITH WHOM CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED WAS [REDACTED]

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RE:

MOSLEM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

BALTIMORE (INFO) ROUTINE

NEW YORK (INFO) ROUTINE (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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\*ATTENTION DIVISION SIX, KIDNAPING DESK  
CHANGED; [REDACTED] MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;  
ALLEGED VICTIM JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE KIDNAPING; [REDACTED]

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TITLED MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT POSSIBLE VICTIM AND  
ADD CLASSIFICATION. PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED]

MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK; [REDACTED]

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE, SEPTEMBER 26, 1978, AND

(C) TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH FBIHQ, DIVISION SIX, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, [REDACTED]

OF THE "WASHINGTON STAR", THE EVENING NEWSPAPER, ADVISED  
THAT SHORTLY AFTER 3:00 A.M., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC) RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ABOVE  
CAPTIONED SUBJECT, STATING THAT THEY HAD KIDNAPED A [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT, STATED THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS OF THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK. HE DEMANDED RELEASE OF ALL MUSLIM PRISONERS. HE DEMANDED A MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH. HE DEMANDED THAT HENRY KISSINGER BE TURNED OVER TO THEM. HE ADDED THAT THE SPECIFIC TIME AND DATE WILL BE CALLED IN LATER.

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HE ADDED THAT HE WANTED THIS ACTION TO BE PUBLISHED AND WIDELY CIRCULATED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS WAS NO JOKE, IT WAS NOT A GAME, AND THAT IT AFFECTED THE FATE OF "ISLAM."

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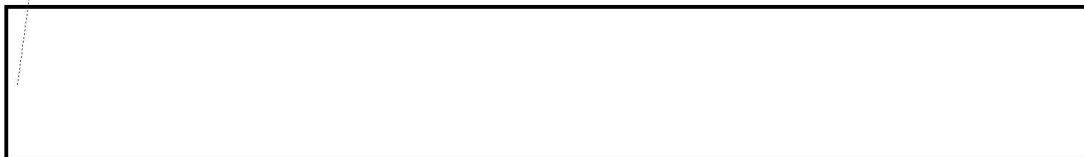
[REDACTED] ADDED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL SEEMED TO SPEAK IN AN EDUCATED VOICE WITH AN ACCENT HE COULD NOT PLACE. THE ACCENT WAS NOT NORTH AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, OR

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(C) COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS ANY OTHER SPECIFIC AREA OF THE WORLD.  
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IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE "WASHINGTON POST"  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, PAGE B1, REFLECTED AN ARTICLE  
CONCERNING PAISLEY AND HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AND THAT HE WAS

LOST OFF HIS SLOOP SOMEWHERE IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. THE ARTICLE  
ADVISED THAT PAISLEY WAS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, SPECIAL AGENT



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WILL UTILIZE PHRASE "NO COMMENTS" IF ANY PRESS INQUIRIES  
ARE MADE.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL BE WILLING TO COOPERATE FURTHER WITH THE FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CONCERNING WORKING WITH THE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY IN PLACING A TRAP ON HIS LINE AND TAPE

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RECORDING FUTURE CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECT IF THE NEED ARISES.



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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD  
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE FBI IN THE EVENT OF ANY FURTHER  
PERTINENT INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

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WASHINGTON FIELD IS NOT CONDUCTING AN ACTIVE KIDNAPING INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME INASMUCH AS EVIDENCE AVAILABLE DOES NOT SUPPORT A LEGITIMATE KIDNAPING. IT IS NOTED

SUBJECT MADE TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING KIDNAPING DEMANDS

ONLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, ON PAISLEY'S DISAPPEARANCE. PAISLEY IN FACT DISAPPEARED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1978, AND WAS

LAST SEEN BY ASSOCIATES SAILING ACROSS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1978. CALLS FROM SUBJECT CONTAINED NO INFORMATION REGARDING PAISLEY OTHER THAN WHAT WAS IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, NOTIFIED. OFFICE OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WILL ALSO BE CONTACTED.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ROUTINE

ATTN: DIVISION SIX, KIDNAPING DESK

FBI BALTIMORE ROUTINE (INFO)

FBI NEW YORK ROUTINE (INFO) (NY VIA FBIHQ)

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[REDACTED] MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;

ALLEGED VICTIM JOHN A. PAISLEY; POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING;

(C) [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 29, 1978.

ON OCTOBER 2, 1978, INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM

ST. MARY'S COUNTY POLICE, MARYLAND, THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD LOCATED A BODY AT 4:30 P.M. ON

OCTOBER 1, 1978, EAST OF SOLOMON'S ISLAND IN THE CHESAPEAKE

BAY. THIS BODY, AN UNKNOWN MALE, APPROXIMATELY 5' 10" TALL,

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WAS WEARING TWO LEAD WEIGHTED DIVING BELTS, JEANS, T-SHIRT  
AND TENNIS SHOES. NO IDENTIFYING DATA WAS ON THE BODY.

[REDACTED] MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORONER'S  
OFFICE, REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODY; AND  
IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN PAISLEY'S DISAPPEARANCE AND  
UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HANDS WERE REMOVED BY CORONER'S OFFICE  
AND SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ LABORATORY.

MRS. JOHN A. PAISLEY ADVISED SHE WOULD VOLUNTARILY  
OBTAIN DENTAL RECORDS FOR HER HUSBAND, JOHN A. PAISLEY,  
AND RELEASE THEM TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE.

CORONER'S OFFICE REQUESTED THE COLOR OF HAIR AND  
WHETHER OR NOT MR. PAISLEY WAS LEFT OR RIGHT HANDED.  
MRS. PAISLEY WAS ADVISED TO TURN THIS INFORMATION OVER TO  
THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION  
OF THE BODY.

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RE TELEPHONIC CONTACT BETWEEN BA, WFO AND FBIHQ  
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PAISLEY'S

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HIS DATE OF BIRTH WAS AUGUST 25, 1923. PAISLEY'S FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION ALSO CARRIED THE LETTERS PS DIRECTLY ABOVE NUMERAL 16.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM MARYLAND STATE CORONER'S OFFICE IS THAT THERE WAS A BULLET HOLE ABOVE ONE OF THE EARS, POSSIBLY REFLECTING SUICIDE., AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 2, 1978, NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE.

WASHINGTON FIELD ADVISED CIA AND MRS. JOHN A. PAISLEY THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER FOR THE FBI.

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Complaint Form  
FD-71 (Rev. 8-29-74)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

UNSUB; aka [redacted]

"Moslem Council of War"

Character of case

Possible Extortion

Complainant

SA KENNETH RAPPAUCH

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 9/21/78 Time 8:42 PM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

FBIHQ, Night Supervisor, Division VI

Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

SA RAPPAUCH stated he had been telephonically notified by

NYO indices negative re [redacted] and "Moslem Council of War". SA RAPPAUCH advised that Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with information given. SA [redacted] WFO, also advised that WFO indices were negative re both.

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SUBJECT UNSUB [redacted]

AND "MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR"

FILE NUMBER 199-230

SUBJECT WAR. OF NY; ALLEGED VICTIM JOHN A. PATSLEY  
MUSLIM COUNCIL OF

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REQUESTED BY AGENT [redacted] (44)

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ROUTINE

ATTN: DIVISION SIX KIDNAPPING DESK

FBI BALTIMORE (1 -2 ) ROUTINE (INFO)

FBI NEW YORK ROUTINE (NY VIA FBIHQ) (INFO)

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MADE BY [REDACTED] IS OBVIOUSLY A HOAX.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES THE  
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ON OCTOBER 1, 1976 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH DENTAL AND  
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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE BODY HAS BEEN POSITIVELY  
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# Ex-CIA Official Found Shot Dead

PIKESVILLE, Md. (UPI) — A former CIA official found floating in the Chesapeake Bay Sunday with 40-pound weights tied to his body had been shot in the head, state police said yesterday.

Police spokesman William Clark said the body was identified as John Paisley, a retired CIA official missing since Sept. 24. He said police were investigating the possibility of a suicide or homicide.

But Edward Paisley, the 21-year-old son of the 55-year-old

Washington resident, said his father was in "good spirits" the day he left on a sailboat trip across the bay and he said he doubted it was suicide.

"I don't know of any reason why he would kill himself," Paisley said. "My father was an excellent sailor and swimmer. He went down just about every weekend to sail. He seemed in good spirits. Everyone that talked to him that day said he was fine."

Paisley, who retired in 1974 as deputy director of the CIA's office of Strategic Research in Langley, Va., was last seen Sept. 24 when he left in his 30-foot motorized sailboat for Solomon's Island.

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## Slain CIA official tied to secret report

WILMINGTON, Del. (UPI)—Former CIA official John Paisley was working on a draft report of Soviet military capability before his body was found floating in Chesapeake Bay, the Wilmington News-Journal reported yesterday.

In a copyrighted story, the News-Journal quoted FBI sources as saying the draft report was found in a briefcase aboard Paisley's sailboat, the Brillig, when it was found by the Coast Guard Sept. 25. Paisley's body was found in the bay several days later, shot in the head and strapped to 40 pounds of diving weights.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson yesterday described the newspaper report as "absolutely untrue."

One highly informed FBI source told the News-Journal the documents were classified "highly sensitive" but not stamped with security classification because the material had not been submitted to the CIA for classification.

The source said the documents would have been classified as top secret information if they had been submitted.

Maryland State Police last week theorized that Paisley fatally shot himself and fell into the Chesapeake Bay. His body was recovered Oct. 1.

However, police have not called the incident a suicide and have officially listed it as an "undetermined death."

The News-Journal said the CIA is looking into the possibility of

murder in the Paisley case.

The Senate Intelligence Committee and FBI are interested in Paisley's death because of the importance of information relating to the secret KH-11 satellite, which Paisley reportedly helped to develop, the newspaper said.

The satellite would be used to monitor Soviet compliance with the strategic arms limitation agreement now under negotiation, the newspaper said.

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MUSLIM COUNCIL OF WAR OF NEW YORK;  
ALLEGED VICTIM - JOHN A PAISLEY

TO: SAC (199-230)

Re WFO Teletype dated October 4, 1978.

Referenced WFO teletype advised that the threat made  
by the Muslim Council of War of New York was obviously unfounded.

This case has been maintained in a pending status in  
view of the widespread coverage by the media of the disappearance  
and death of JOHN. A. PAISLEY, a former high official of the CIA.

Inasmuch as no further information has been received  
indicating that there was foul play involved with anyone from the  
New York area, this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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