

[Pettengill, William S.]

City Sailor Death Held Self-Inflicted
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A spokesman for the naval security group activity at Fort George Meade, Md., today termed the death of navy communications technician, William S. Pettengill, of Watertown, N.Y., "an apparent suicide."

Death came from "self-inflicted strangulation," the spokesman said.

He added that there were no indications of any security problem, but the navy would make a routine informal investigation.

The spokesman said no clues had been discovered on a motive for his death.

The technician, a translator of Russian in the security operation since August, 1967, was found dead about 10:04 a.m. Sunday in the navy group barracks. He was pronounced dead at Kimbrough army hospital at Fort Meade.

The body will be brought tonight to Belleville, where the funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Carpenter-Stoodley funeral home. Rev. Blaine F. Hartford, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen cemetery of Roberts Corners.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 and evening from 7 to 9.

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