

Missing D.C. Scientist's Body Found in Canal, Dutch Report

The body of Dr. Richard H. Follis Jr., the Washington scientist who had been reported missing under mysterious circumstances in the Netherlands since Dec. 4, has been found, the Dutch Radio announced today.

The body of the 56-year-old Follis was recovered from a canal near the spot where Follis was last seen. The canal is one of many in downtown Amsterdam near the tourist center.

There are many hotels, bars and nightclubs in that section. Amsterdam police officials had speculated, when it was learned Follis was missing, that he might have fallen into a canal during a gale.

It was known that Follis was on the street near the canal about the time gale winds struck.

European newspapers had played up the Follis disappearance with speculation that he was engaged in intelligence work.

This apparently stemmed from a remark by a Dutch professor whom Follis was slated to visit. When Follis did



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not arrive for his appointment, the professor reported him missing and implied that Follis might be working for the Central Intelligence Agency.

No confirmation of this could be obtained from any source, including persons who knew Follis well.

Follis had gone to Amsterdam on his way to Tehran, Iran, for an international health conference. Follis was a top research scientist for the Veterans Administration and was regarded as an international authority in this field of nutrition.

Follis was a graduate of Yale University in 1932 and Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1936.

He joined the Veterans Administration in 1955 and was detached to work in the laboratories of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He also worked for the National Institutes of Health.

Follis was classified by the VA as a senior physician, as high a rank as can be attained in the research field there.

He was the author of more than 150 scientific papers, the recipient of many awards in his field and a member of a long list of scientific organizations.

In recent years he had traveled widely, in Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and elsewhere. He was to have begun a project in Ecuador in February.