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Willis A. Gibbons,
Ex-CIA Official
And Inventor

Willis A. Gibbons, 79, who became a Central Intelligence Agency official after 40 years in research with the U.S. Rubber Co., died Sunday of a heart attack at his home, 5240 Loughboro Road NW.

He had come here to work for the Office of Defense Mobilization in 1951, and was a senior official of the CIA from 1952 until his retirement in 1959. He received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal for his work.

A researcher and executive at the rubber company in New York from 1912 until 1952, Mr. Gibbons was a pioneer in the field of rubber technology.

He held more than 60 patents, including one for a rubber vulcanization test and several for the manufacture of rubber products directly from latex.

He was director of research and development from 1928 until 1946, when he relinquished his administrative duties to devote himself to research.

His government service also included work on a Reconstruction Finance Corporation technical committee and on a U.S. mission which studied synthetic rubber production in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gibbons leaves his wife, Stella; two daughters, Miss Virginia Gibbons of the Loughboro Road address, and Mrs. Dorothy Cooke of 4528 Macomb St. NW, and a granddaughter.

Services were to be yesterday at Gawler's Funeral Home, Wisconsin Avenue and Harrison Street NW, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.