

SECRET

16 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/6

SUBJECT : Debriefing of Robert Edward WEBSTER (201 - 265472)

1. Subject, who renounced his US citizenship in 1959 when he defected to the USSR and who returned to the US as an alien under the Soviet quota in May 1962, was debriefed by the undersigned together with OO/Contact Division and Air Force representatives in Pittsburgh, Penna., during 2 - 3 July 1962. (See Attachment A for biographic data on Subject) The undersigned used the pseudonym, Rudy Valentino, while the following used their true names: Messrs. Keller Stewart, Robert Starling and Jack Tague, of the OO office, Pittsburgh; Major E. J. Zvetina and Mr. F. G. Jaycocks, of the Air Force Foreign Technology Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The undersigned's aim was to determine if Subject was knowledgeable regarding detailed operational intelligence and Soviet Realities, while OO processed its normal requirements, including those of TSD, and the Air Force interrogated Subject along technical lines.

2. Because time was short, it was decided that the undersigned would conduct a chronological questioning and the OO and Air Force officials would enter the debriefing as appropriate. Therefore, the undersigned had about eight hours of debriefing opportunity and on this basis recommended that Subject be brought to Washington, D. C. for detailed debriefing.

3. Arrangements for Subject's quarters to be used also for debriefing were made through the Office of Security and Subject stayed at the Marriott Motel, Key Bridge, during 15-28 July 1962. See Enclosure A for a listing of staff personnel who participated in the debriefing of Subject; this listing includes the Aliases staff personnel used and dates on which they had contact with Subject. Enclosure "B" contains the undersigned notations made during various phases of debriefing and are attached for whatever value they may have in the future. Enclosure "C" is a Secrecy Agreement, dated 16 July 1962, signed by Subject and witnessed by the undersigned and Miss Eleanor Reed in pseudo. Enclosure "D", dated 27 July 1962, is a combination Secrecy Agreement and statement of truthfulness signed by Subject and witnessed by the undersigned and Miss Eleanor Reed (in pseudo). Enclosure "E" is a short biography on Subject prepared by Miss Eleanor Reed which can be used in the event of necessity.

RFB
 Rudolph Balaban
 DC/SR/6/Support

Attachments: A thru E as listed
 For 201 - 265472

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- CIA Staff and Contract Personnel known during 15-27 July 1962 - REW

Enclosure "A"

TRUE NAME	ALIAS	DATE
1. Rudy Malaban (SR)	Rudy Valentino aka Valentinov	15-28 July 62
2. Eleanor Reed (SR)	Miss Eleanor Anderson	16-19, 27 July 62
3. Victor Zima (AERIALITY)	"Dick"	17 July
4. [Redacted] (AERIALITY)	"Vic"	17 July
5. [Redacted] (TSD)	"Joe"	17 July
6. [Redacted] (TSD)	"Sam"	17 July
7. [Redacted] (AERIALITY)	"Leo"	17 and 26 July
8. Stuart Duncan (SR)	"Steve"	19 July
9. Howard Stark (OSI)	"Howard"	20 July
10. [Redacted] (ORR)	"John"	20 July
11. [Redacted] (IR)	"Glenn"	20 July & 27 July
12. [Redacted] (TSD)	"Bob"	23 and 27 July
13. [Redacted] (OTR/A&E)	"Mike"	23-25 & 27 July
14. [Redacted] (TSD/BAB)	Preston aka Pret Abbott	24 July
15. Dr. Charles Bohrer (medical)	Dr. Brussales	24 July
16. Ned Bennett	"Ned"	19 July

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iZ/BR

Z's Expenses

Sunday 15 July

• 2100 Read at Motel

Monday 16 July

0930 - 1615 Read at Motel

Tuesday 17 July

0930 - 1715 at Motel Read Eleanor

1030 - 1600 (Vic) Dick w/ " " "

1715 - 1910 Dinner Hopote in Parsonage (w/11p) '16.

1910 - 2115 Read/Eleanor Joe B / Sam M

Wed 18 July

0930 - 1200 R, E, V, V of motel

1200 - 1300 Lunch

1300 - 1630 R, E, V, V, JB & SM. Leo at 1400 9.6.

Thurs 19 July

0930 - 1200 Read & file

1200 - 1245 Lunch

1245 - 1430 Read & file

1430 - 1530 Jim & w/ pic

1530 - 1630 Read & file

Fri 20 July

0930-1100
1100-1245

OSI - [redacted] [redacted] 03
IR - [redacted] [redacted] 03

Sat 21 July

1200-1330
1400-2430

Kudi at motel
Kudi w/ RW out

Monday 23 July

0900-1600

[redacted] [redacted] 03
w/ RW

Tue 24 July

0930-1330
1330-1730
1400-2400

[redacted] 03
RW has & attend 1120
or other (psychiatric sessions alone)
RW & RW - out (mass, concert, etc)

Wed 25 July

0930-1600

[redacted] (concludes psych testing)

Thur 26 July

0930-1530
1730-2030

[redacted] 03
Leo & RW
Leo & RW - all 2300 (party)

Fri 27 July

0830-0930
0930-1200
1200-1400
1400-1630
1930-2400

[redacted] 03 (concludes debriefing)
RW & RW
RW Go EG w/ RW & RW (feedback on psych testing)
RW & RW
RW for finances & conclude dictation & assessment

Sat 28 July

0930-1200

RW to help dry clothes & farewell

17.04.2012
3/4/12

3/4/12
out call by 400

1. ✓ SH [redacted] 03

HART tag 5888 R4301 4221
CS/ops support division
(S/USD)

[redacted]

Allotment # from SR for funds to
be paid for motel room & phone expenses

Call Hart when [redacted] leaves room.
03

Oral agreement w/ finance in SR

2. ✓ TSD authentication & others alerted re clothes
[redacted] 2001 Glen 1303
✓ FBI 03
✓ BIPB

3. ✓ Hart called [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

4. ✓ Call [redacted] R-1621 also has
[redacted] to arrange [redacted]

5. ✓ Call Vic [redacted] to alert re phone [redacted]

6. ✓ [Broch & docs] [redacted] x 5307

7. ✓ CA Prop New [redacted] x 182

8. ✓ [redacted] [redacted] 03

(over)

9. Make debriefing schedule

10 Process Webster documents

11 ✓ ORR / Chem Bz

[Redacted]

Start AM 12 July 62

R 1370 x 5321 4621

(see [Redacted] @ Glenn)

12 ✓ OSI / GSD / ESB

(Howard Stahl @ Howard)

R 1231 5011-2, 6, 50 SF 37

also [Redacted] (Ass = [Redacted])

13. ✓ IR - [Redacted]

*5510 R-1728

14 [Redacted]

230 Woodford n 2654

15. ✓ At Gunn

7793

Cramp for 19th of Feb wk

16. TSD / Lou Thomas 2209

17 [Redacted] 26296 G.D. 410

OS

18 [Redacted] Nick Storcken / Les Kinnin R-1621 7321

copy 9027 R. (see Stone @ Gunn @ Gunn)

19 [Redacted] Jackson PC for Poly

20 ✓ Bohler 3029 x 311

15 Met Riv	16 Riv, later Riv	17 Riv, later Riv	18 Riv	19 Riv	20 0800 Howard	21
					1100 Legman w/ Riv	
					1200 Riv	
					1300 Riv	
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					3000 Riv	

B/R

1. Because time was short and two different office participated in the debriefing, ^{it was decided that} the undersigned would conduct a chronological questioning on Subject's experience and ~~the~~ CO and AF officials would enter the ~~debriefing~~ questioning whenever appropriate.

AF obtained data from Subject on his employment ^{and observations on} with the Plastic Institute and factory in Leningrad; copies of their reporting will be forwarded via the Pittsburgh CO/O office. DICE was primarily interested in all personalities with whom Subject had contact in the Soviet Union; this data plus Subject's documents, letters, etc., some of which Subject permitted The Agency to keep, will be forwarded to SR Division from Pittsburgh.

2. Subject appeared ^{to be} very cooperative and, in fact, said that he would do any thing to help the US Government ~~to that~~ which would help him in his own mind to erase some of the stigma associated with his defection to the USSR. Although Subject ~~was~~ returned to the US on 20 May 1962, having defected in October 1959, Subject apparently began to forget ^{details} very quickly; however, his ~~recall~~ ability to recall improved after considerable questioning and conditioning. It was felt that Subject can provide a great deal of OI and realistic data and arrangements were made to have him

travel to Washington, A.C. on 15 July 1962 where
he will remain ~~at~~ up to two weeks if necessary.
Office ^{where it} participated in the debriefing are Sr/6 (in -
cluding the SRC, ~~SR/CA~~, SR/CA,

SR/CI, TSD/BAB, TSD/PAB, TSD/ ; CA/PROP,
CRR/ ^{Chemical Branch} and, if necessary, ^{Office of Security} (only graph operators); OS/IGSO/ESS,
SR/ST/1/1 and

The following are some ^{possibly} significant facts
derived from the preliminary debriefing: and
~~comments of assessment value.~~

a. Subject stated that he decided to defect
because of family problems, ^{personal and financial} which he could not
cope and he took the easy way out. (Apparently his
problem was associated with his wife inasmuch
as he mentioned she just he was not paying giving
enough attention to their children.) Subject began
thinking of defection during the 2nd second in a series of
three trips he made to the USSR as a representative
of the Kent Development Corp, Cleveland, Ohio,
he set up a plastic exhibit. He confided in no one
about his plans to defect. The ~~discussing~~ ^{discussion} between his
second and third trips to the USSR, he collected personal
items which he ~~wanted~~ ^{wanted to keep} during his residence in ^{the} USSR
and ultimately gain full cooperation to Soviet
authorities in the defection formalities.

b. A Soviet woman whom Subject met in
a Moscow hotel where she was employed ultimately was
taken with Subject to Leningrad where they lived.

(sic divorced - Soviet husband.)
~~in common: last marriage and where she gave~~
~~birth to their child.~~ Analysis of data contained
on her and Subject's relationship with her
indicates that she may have played a more sig-
nificant role vis-a-vis Subject than what ~~she~~
^{Subject believes} ~~the debriefing thus far has produced.~~ (Although
Subject states he has not yet fixed his plans,
he ~~is considering~~ may bring her and the child
to the USA - he said he signed ~~as~~ a Soviet
affidavit promising support to this child after
he is gainfully employed in the US. Subject stated
that he has not corresponded with her and does
not plan to correspond with her except to send
funds at a later date. (He added he has not
yet corresponded with anyone in the USSR primarily
due to his mother's nervous breakdown about
for which she ~~was~~ recently was released from a
hospital.)

KEW

Characterized by foll:

1. Blaming, usually, almost everything negative (example) on his wife.
2. Constantly (& frustratingly) avoiding exact dates and names of people, stating "I'm not sure, of exacting wording, it's been a long time".
"as I remember & the best of my knowledge" necessary always to ask lots many questions or review a situation to help jog his memory.
3. When pressed by the contract agent to try to explain detailed procedures to establish identity during previous situations, KEW became tense and anxious, and sweat a great deal (sweat on face & water running down arms from armpits).
4. Life filled w/ impulsive actions & decisions w/o giving each much thought or analysis (examples)
5. Life full of dependence on his parents & in-laws for most of his clothing & money for 2-3 years after his departure.
6. ~~lacked great decision-making~~ Religious belief only, mental process, but failed to live up to convictions in actions, etc.
7. Tendency to digress from line of thought: in answer to a question, began narrative during which would grasp another subject. Sometimes, because it produced new info (serving as a self-jog) & he would be committed to digress.

~~27~~
~~1/1/19~~
R.S. Smith
+ [unclear]
~~4/1/19~~

Problems facing 'si' nar:

1. Obtain job
2. Repay father & mother financially & morally
3. Support two children born to his ex-wife
4. " one child " " for mistress

1. ~~What~~ has dual citizenship?

2. Any time press, those that
think of red wife &
reproducible.

3. She told him she willing have
abortion - if woman in Sweden
do a spy, does RIS tell women
to have an abortion.

SECRET AGREEMENT

I, ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER, SWEAR THAT I SHALL NOT DIVULGE, UNLESS PERMISSION IS GIVEN, ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING MY INTERVIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, OR IN ANY WAY USE THIS INFORMATION TO MY ADVANTAGE OR PROFIT.

I AGREE VOLUNTARILY TO DISCUSS WITH THE C.I.A. ANY AND ALL OF MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

DATED: 16 JULY 1962
WASHINGTON, DC

Robert Edward Webster

WITNESSE D:

R. Valentini

E. Anderson

~~SECRET~~

I SWEAR, BEFORE GOD, THAT I HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND THAT I HAVE BEEN TRUTHFUL IN EVERY RESPECT.

I FURTHER SWEAR THAT I WILL MAINTAIN SECRECY REGARDING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH AND ABOUT U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

Robert Edward Webster
ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER

WASHINGTON, D.C.
27 JULY 1962

WITNESSED BY: Clarence Anderson
J. Valentino

Name: Robert Albert Webster

DOB: 23 October 1927

POB: Tiffin, Ohio

Education: Attended grade schools in Tiffin, Ohio and in Zellenole, Pennsylvania, and attended Zellenole High School.

Attended Federal College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania - 2 years?

Attended Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh

No degree received from any of above higher educational institutions

Military Service: (Years ?) After World War II was in U.S. Navy as an electronics specialist. Navy service number 7917424.

Family: Wife, Martha Murrell Webster, age 33, graduate of Zellenole High School, Zellenole, Pennsylvania. Trained as a beautician. Described as brown-eyed, pretty brunette.

Children: 1 child, age 10
1 child, age 9

Parents: Father, Charles M. Webster, ceramics engineer
Mother, Elizabeth Webster Address: Zellenole, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters: None

Wife's Parents: Milton Murrell, Mildred Murrell. Address: Zellenole, Pa.

Physical Description: 5'8" tall, 145 lbs, light brown hair, 145 pounds

Personality: Quiet, introvert

Remarks: Wife called him "Bob"

Address at time of Report: 18221 Tiffin Drive, West Tiffin, Ohio

Employer: Ford Development Corporation

Salary per month: \$515.00 (approximate)

Bank: Security Bank, Tiffin, Ohio

Activities: Member of Tiffin Community Club, Tiffin, Ohio, and Tiffin Golf Club, Tiffin, Ohio.

Report: U.S. Army, Department of Defense, Tiffin, Ohio

Domestic Contacts: Wife and children and other family members in Tiffin, Ohio.

1948-1949: After he returned from military service, he worked for the Ford Development Corporation in Tiffin, Ohio.

On 12/22/49, after 2 years of service, he returned to Tiffin, Ohio. He had been working for the Ford Development Corporation in Tiffin, Ohio. He had been working for the Ford Development Corporation in Tiffin, Ohio. He had been working for the Ford Development Corporation in Tiffin, Ohio.

[Faint, illegible text]

Soviet Citizenship

- * 1. *[Faint text]* applied for Soviet citizenship - 11 July 1959
- 2. *[Faint text]* Officially notified that he had received Soviet citizenship - 17 September 1959
- 3. 16 October 1959 Soviet Embassy in London teletyped American Embassy, London to state that Subject had assumed Soviet citizenship
- 4. 17 October 1959 Second Secretary of American Embassy, Richard S. Snyder met Subject at Communist office of the Ministry of Registrations (M.R.) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Moscow where Subject advised that he had applied for Soviet citizenship in 1959 and had been granted Soviet citizenship on or about 17 September 1959. He also advised that he had also applied for a Soviet internal passport which he had received in March 1959.

* At late August, 1959, sister of Subject had called Subject in Moscow and asked whether he could be granted a U.S. visa and if she should enroll the children in East Cleveland High School. Subject advised that he would return soon, the wife said she would travel to Cleveland. Subject called a travel agent in Cleveland, Ohio, on 10 September 1959.

Life in the U.S.

- 1. 26 October 1959 - Subject's wife and children arrived in the U.S. at New York City.
- 2. Subject's wife and children moved to Cleveland, Ohio.
- 3. Taken to work in the plastics industry (In the West and Scientific ...)
- 4. Subject's wife and children moved to East Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived with PLASHOVA, who he had met during his stay in the U.S. ...
- 5. ... later moved called ... desire to return to the U.S.
- 6. ... decided that his ...
- 7. ...