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The State Department information operator on 9/9/64, confirmed the listing of RICHARD H. DAVIS in the February, 1964, Telephone Directory of the State Department which listing reveals that RICHARD H. DAVIS is presently Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of European Affairs. *X*

u-s LANGELE stated that he knew PRISCILLA ~~POST~~ JOHNSON and ROBERT W. ~~GIBSON~~ by face but never associated with them in Russia. He recalls that he may have talked to GIBSON in a general security orientation session before GIBSON reported He explained that he had this security session with GIBSON because GIBSON's wife was quite attractive and had departed Russia leaving GIBSON a bachelor in Moscow. LANGELE thought that GIBSON might be a target for the Russians in view of the fact his wife had left him a bachelor because of marital troubles. LANGELE does not recall that GIBSON mentioned anything concerning SOCHUREK or any other correspondents during the security orientation session. *X*

LANGELE explained that he exercised no authority over any Americans who were not employed at the United States Embassy. He said that he could not order these people to do or to refrain from doing anything. He could only talk to them informally at their own volition. Therefore, he was unable to call in SOCHUREK for an interview even if he had desired to do so. *X (u)*

LANGELE advised that he did not receive a reply to his 8/14/59 letter to the Department of State and he thought that if he had received a reply he would remember it. He had no knowledge what, if any, action was taken by the State Department upon receipt of his letter. He was sure a copy of his letter reached CIA through the Security Office of the State Department. *X (u)*

Mr. LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON, former Ambassador to Russia and now Deputy Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, was interviewed on 8/25/64, by SAs MAURICE A. TAYLOR and BRENT. Ambassador THOMPSON advised that either ED FREERS or RICHARD DAVIS was the Counselor at the United States Embassy in Moscow and since he, THOMPSON, usually talked to his Counselor, he may have told DAVIS about the Soviet approach to SOCHUREK. Ambassador THOMPSON believed that DAVIS was Counselor when this occurred. *X (u)*

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On August 5, 1964, Russell A. Langelle, Security Officer, United States Embassy, Moscow, Russia, from approximately January 20, 1958, to October 19, 1959, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) he had never, to the best of his knowledge, met, seen or engaged in conversation with Howard James Sochurek. (u)

He stated that the information he reported in his letter of August 14, 1959, to the Office of Security, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., concerning Sochurek, Priscilla Post Johnson, correspondent for American Newspaper Alliance, and Robert W. Gibson of McGraw-Hill, came from former Ambassador to Russia Llewellyn E. Thompson only and the Ambassador did not indicate that he had discussed the matter with anyone else. (u)

Mr. Langelle said that he never interviewed Johnson, Gibson or Sochurek regarding [redacted]

[redacted] and never prepared or submitted any further reports or communications concerning this matter. (u)

Mr. Langelle advised that he did not interview Johnson because Ambassador Thompson requested that he not. He did not recall specifically why he did not interview Sochurek or Gibson but speculated that he probably did not because he was awaiting further word from the Ambassador. He also stated that it was possible Sochurek and Gibson were not available for interview prior to Langelle's departure from Russia on October 19, 1959. (u)

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