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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.

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 Rudolph Balaban  
 DC/SR/6/Support

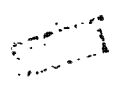
Attachments: A thru E as listed  
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- CIA Staff and Contract Personnel known during 15-27 July 1962 - REW

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



iZ/BA

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 & Fude

1200 - 1245 Lunch

1245 - 1430 Read & Fude

1430 - 1530 Jim & w/ pic

1530 - 1630 Read & Fude

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

Tues 24 July

0930-1330  
1330-1730  
1400-2400

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

Wed 25 July

0930-1600

[redacted] (concludes psych testing)

Thurs 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 G & RW 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

[redacted]



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 full wk

16 TSD / Lou Thomas 2209

17 [Redacted] 26296 G.D. 410

OS

18 ✓ Nick Storcken / Les Kinnin R-1621 7321

copy 9027 R. (Geo Stone @ Glenn @ Dimes)

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/Smith	
					Rough	
					1200-1200	
					1300-1300	
					1400-1400	
					1500-1500	
					1600-1600	
					1700-1700	
					1800-1800	
					1900-1900	
					2000-2000	

B/R

1. Because time was short and three different office participated in the debriefing, <sup>it was decided that</sup> 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 <sup>and observations on</sup> with the Plastic Institute and factory in Leningrad; copies of their reporting will be forwarded via the Pittsburgh CO/CO 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 <sup>to be</sup> 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 <sup>details</sup> 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 <sup>where it</sup> participated in the debriefing are Sgt 6 (including the SRC <sup>Staff</sup> ~~and other personnel~~), SR/CA,

SR/CI, TSD/BAB, TSD/PAB, TSD/ ; CA/PROP, and, if necessary, <sup>Office of Security</sup> (only graph operators): OS/IGSO/ESS, JX/ST/1/1, and

the following are some <sup>possibly</sup> significant facts derived from the preliminary debriefing: ~~and comments of assessment follow.~~

a. Subject stated that he decided to defect because of family problems <sup>personal and financial</sup> with 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 enough attention to their children.) Subject began thinking of defection during the second in a series of three trips he made to the USSR as a representative of the Kent Development Corp., Cleveland, Ohio, to set up a plastics exhibit. He confided in no one about his plans to defect. The ~~difference~~ <sup>difference</sup> between his second and third trips to the USSR, he collected personal items which he ~~wanted~~ <sup>wanted to keep</sup> 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~~  
<sup>Subject believes</sup> ~~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.)

KEU

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, KEU 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~~  
 10/10/70  
 R.S. Smith  
 + [unclear]  
 + [unclear]

Problems facing 'si' now:

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, how do  
think of his wife &  
reponse to her.

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, graduated from Zellenole High School.

Attended Federal College, Lancaster, Pa., Pennsylvania - 2 years?

Attended Edinboro Teachers College, Edinboro, 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: Mike 1, age 10  
Ann, age 9

Parents: Father, Charles M. Webster, ceramics engineer  
Mother, Elizabeth Webster Address: 120 Zellenole, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters: None

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

Physical Description: 5'8" tall, 140 lbs, light brown, wavy 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, Cleveland, Ohio

Domestic Contacts: Wife and children and occasional contact with parents and other relatives.

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

On 11/21/49, 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.



