

Russell August Langelle

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Robert Genzman and Harold Seap interviewed Russell August Langelle at CIA headquarters on May 4, 1978. The interview yielded the following information:

Langelle joined the CIA in September 1950, and worked mainly in SR 9 of the Soviet Russia Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency [on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA files would have reflected this termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that Langelle would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA.] (at present this document would probably be in his personnel file.)

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[Approximately fifteen people knew that Langelle was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Mawry (SE), (Joe Bulik)⁰³ (SR 9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalsky, Frank Levy, Ted Polling.]

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[Jack Kindschi, (June Sworbeck),
Ed Galloway), Leonard McCoy
(Reports and Requirements), Pierre
de Silva (COS), and someone at
the State Department's Office of
Security]

At the time of his resignation,
Langelle applied for employment
with the State Department. In
the interim he worked at the
Hecht Company. In March 1956
he started to work at the
State Department as a Security
Officer. In September 1956 he
was sent to Vienna, where he
earned a reputation for being
a strict Security Officer at the
Embassy. [He was deliberately tough

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on CIA personnel who breached
security, in order to build his
cover as a non-CIA foreign
service officer. His salary was
paid by the State Department.]

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[The CIA Chief of Station in Vienna
and the Ambassador knew he
was with the CIA.] 11112575

Langelle served as the Security
Officer at the Moscow Embassy
from December 1957 to September
1959. [In addition, he was the
senior CIA officer there. The
CIA contingent in Moscow
consisted of [redacted] officers]

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George
P. Winters (Econ³³ Officer), FNU
03 (Mahoney), FNU (Denables) and Steve⁰³
Washenko (Econ³² or Agric³² Officer).
Jean Leberman [redacted]

[redacted] who handled
orientation projects rather than
operations projects.

[Langelle handled CIA
communications in Moscow. The
CIA [redacted]

[redacted] but
could [redacted] by means of
[redacted] so that
the message was secret until
it was forwarded to CIA head-
quarters, where it was [redacted]

In 1959 the Soviets declared
Langelle persona non grata as
a result of his involvement with
P. S. Popov. [Langelle was the
case officer of] Popov, who worked
for the GRU, Soviet military
intelligence. [While making a
contact with Popov] Langelle
was detained by the KGB
and was questioned for two
and a half hours. The KGB
attempted to recruit him, and
then released him. The State

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Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was told to leave the Soviet Union within three days. He left the Soviet Union in early October 1959.

Langelle first became aware of Lee Harvey Oswald when he heard in a conversation that a Marine had contacted the American consular office in Moscow to renounce his citizenship. He later heard that this individual had changed his mind and was returning to the United States. He does not recall the details of these conversations, but he believes they took place in the United States.

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Langelle characterized Oswald's defection as a consular case to be handled by consular officers, rather than an intelligence case involving intelligence officers, [who were short-handed in Moscow at that time. He stated that the few intelligence officers in Moscow at that time were involved in specific operations, and did not perform general intelligence functions. He also stated that intelligence officers at the Embassy did not use the [redacted] for intelligence purposes, and that there were]

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[redacted] in the consular
[section.]

Langelle stated that the military intelligence people at the Embassy probably would have been contacted about Oswald's defection. The military intelligence personnel included [Leo Dulacki (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), John Munson (Navy), and Ted Hoffman (Army)]. He did not know whether Alexis Davison (Navy) was an intelligence officer or whether Davison was involved in the Penkovsky case.

Langelle stated that when Oswald left the Soviet Union, he was the responsibility of the State Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the FBI.

When Langelle left ~~the~~ ~~Embassy~~ Moscow in 1959, [Winters was the senior CIA officer there. 03 (Mahoney) and Seberman were still there, and Washenko] ⁰³ may still have been there.] Langelle's replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian [who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who was Winters's successor as senior CIA officer.]

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[Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Garbler, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 03 1962 included (Rodney Carlson), Bill Horvath, and possibly (John 03 D. Hemenway).]

At headquarters the chief of the Soviet Russia Division was John Mawry, followed by Howard Osborne and then David E. Murphy.

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle had no contacts with R. F. Korengold, or Aline Mosby, did not know A. J. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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When Langelle returned to the United States, he continued working for the State Department. He resumed [his] CIA duties on a part-time basis in 1961. [He dealt with communications between Washington and Moscow.] In September 1961 he resumed [his] CIA duties on a full-time basis at headquarters. He worked mainly in the Soviet Russia Division, External Operations, Africa and Europe. At present he is still with the CIA and still paid by [redacted] but he plans to retire soon.

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Sangelle

~~Sangelle~~ was born on October 7, 1922.
His social security number is [495-18-8800]
He is married, with three children. 30

Sangelle
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~~He~~ joined the CIA in September, 1950, and worked mainly in ^{SR9} the Soviet Russian Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency [on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA files ~~would have~~ ^{would have} reflected ~~the~~ ^{this} termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that ~~Sangelle~~ ^{Sangelle} would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA. ^(This document at present, this document) Approximately fifteen people knew that he was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Maury (SE), ⁰³ Joe Bulik (SR9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper (sp), Frank Levy, Ted Polling, Jack Wandschi, ⁰³ (June 03 Sworbeck) ~~and~~ (Ed Falloway), Leonard Mc Coy (Reports and Requirements), ~~and~~ Pierre de Silva (COS), and ~~and~~ someone at the State Department's Office of Security. **SECRET 11112500**

~~Sangelle~~ ^{Sangelle} at the time of his resignation ~~Sangelle~~ applied for employment with the State Department.

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← [Langelle handled CIA communications in Moscow. The CIA [redacted]

but [redacted] could [redacted] by means of [redacted] so that the message was secret until it was forwarded to CIA Headquarters for [redacted]

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2 [deliberately tough on CIA personnel for security breaches in order to ~~build~~ build his cover as a non-CIA foreign service officer. His salary was paid by the State Department.]

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~~Vienna in September 1956,~~ In September 1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he ~~developed~~ ^{earned} the reputation for being a strict Security Officer. [He CIA 27 Chief of Station] ~~and the~~ (in Vienna) and the Ambassador knew ¹⁰ he was with the CIA. He served as the Security

Par [L'Angeli served as the Security Officer at the Moscow Embassy from December 1957 to September 1959.

[In addition, he was the senior CIA officer there, with CIA officers working and approximately

~~some~~ ^{George V. Winers} 03 (Mahoney), (Venables), ⁰³ and 03.32 [Steve Vaschenko (Econ. or Agric. Officer)]

Jean Liberman

handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.]

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[insert] In 1959 ~~the~~ the Soviets declared L'Angeli persona non grata as a result of ~~the~~ his involvement with P.S. Popov.

[L'Angeli was the case officer for Popov, who worked for the ~~Soviet~~ GRU,

Soviet military intelligence. L'Angeli

L'Angeli had been contacting ~~Popov~~ While

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~~after~~ [making a contact with Popov] Langelle was detained by the KGB and was questioned for two and a half hours. The KGB attempted to recruit him, ^{and} then released him, ~~and~~. The State Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was forced to leave the Soviet Union within three days.

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4 [and that there were the consular section.] in

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~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included [Paul Adams (State) Attache (Navy), Ted Hoffmann (Army)]~~

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Russell August ~~S. Langelli~~ ^{Langelli}

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(495-18-8808)³⁰

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CIA Sept 50 SR Div. (SR9) language, operational + mil. experience, reliab., stabil.
 [word-disgruntled]

Nov 55 Resigned from agency - Sec. Off.

inter in job at Hecht Co.

[memo from director all rights + benefits when returns (Dulles)]

Vienna [24 work building COS Kendler (dialed only) status + amb.]
Moscow - Dec 57

started State Mar 56

15 knew (SR9 - internal ops gms. component + couple of officers in Division)

[people all buried] not a station

Vienna Sept 56

[first COS Paul Garbler]

SE John Naury

SR? (Joe Bulick) 03

Ch. of Ops Quentin Johnson

George ~~W. S. F. S.~~ (sp.) Kisebalter

Frank Levy
Ted Polling

Jack ~~W. S. F. S.~~
(June Sworback) 03

(Ed Salloway) 03

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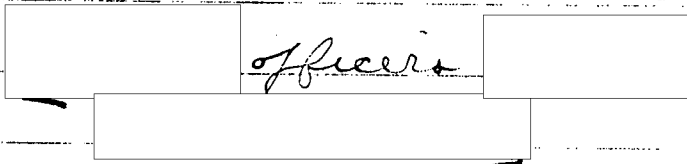
Leonard Mc Coy

[COS Pierre de Silve]

DOS - Office of Security

[Stepha not aware]

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Fangelles

~~George P.~~

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[redacted]

George P.

→ Winters, [Mahoney]⁰³ [Denables]⁰³

[Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)]^{03, 32}

[redacted]

- [Alan Seberman] ^[redacted] 24

[redacted]

- orientation

rather than operations]

left in 59

John Abidjan (State Sec. Officer

took over State

responsibilities)

Abidjan

replaced

by Hugh

Montgomery

[redacted] 32

Senior

officer]

[CIA George P. Winters³² [redacted]

[Washenko] - maybe still there

[Mahoney]⁰³ + Seberman

PNG [agency operation

~~turned~~

penetration on GRtl - mil. intell.

Pyta 5 Popov agent

1st was case off.

case compromised

got approval from Thrush.

to kidnap - as stepped off a bus]

tried to recruit

released after 2 1/2 hrs.

said they would get in touch

State protested

PNG

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Back to US - worked for State Jan 60

handled State Dept duties

[+ agency functions]

[resumed] CIA parttime '61, Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis. [communications to Mos]

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(Penkovsky)

cut-out - Brit. wife

SR9 Sept. 61 - 62

[moved back] to CIA

on full-time basis Sept. 61

(Dec. 58 - Sept. 59)

[⁰³Malone] GSA officer

[Communicat. - Mov. to HQ]

SR9 Jack Maury

[Winters remained]

<HO,

in conversation a consular officer said Malone
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

consular off. would bring it to your attention

[George Dieswaller] in Berlin, handled [Popov] while
in E. Berlin + Vienna.

[- handled Penkovsky
- maybe Rosenko]


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[no: ] in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.

Ted Hoffman Arm

~~Munson~~
Mundsen Nav.

Dulacki Mar.]

would have been contacted



Korenfeld - no contacts

Johnson - asked for interview after his PNG

Mosby - no contacts

Goldberg - didn't know

[Davison - doesn't know if agency
not involved in Pent. to his knowledge]

 personnel could not be used for intel. without
prior approval 

Provocations

[Harmstone]

~~Red~~

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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L. Angeli

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62 [Hugh Montgomery (senior)
(John D. Hemingway)⁰³ (?)
Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)
(Rodney Carlson)⁰³
Bill [unclear]]

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.
~~Africa~~ Africa + Eur.

[redacted] 32 [redacted] Moscow
[redacted] 6513 - Moscow]

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. @ 64-65
COS [in Berlin during
Popov operation while
L'A in Moscow]

then Maury

followed by Howard Osborne
" " Murphy

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Langelle did not know ^{whether} Alexis Davison (Navy) ~~was an intelligence officer of whether he was involved in the Penkovsky case or whether~~ ~~Davison~~

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30-61 - 11-64 Parlar - Vienna [Springs, W.V. 1503] 22180
Hill Ct. 22180
Osborne - McLean
17 Feb. 62 - 20 Sep. 63 Montgomery -]

[356-4650]
[first COS]

26 June 62 - 14 Dec. 62 [Rodney Carlson] 03
11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65 [Edward Gotchel] 03 HQ
annual leave tel May 22
11 Jan 63, 18 Jan 64 [Jerry Presh] HQ 2 p.m.
May 12

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