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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.

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 (REU)

Exclusion "A"

<u>TRUE NAME</u>	<u>ALIAS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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

iZIBR

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) picnic w/

1715 - 1910 Dinner Hopoto in Parangton (w/11p)

1910 - 2115 Read/Eleanor / Joe B / Sam M

Wed 18 July

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

1200 - 1300 Lunch

1200 - 1630 R, E, V, V, JB & SM - Leo at 1400

Thurs 19 July

0930 - 1200 Read & picnic

1200 - 1245 Lunch

1245 - 1430 Read & picnic

1430 - 1530 Stu & w/ pic

1530 - 1630 Read & picnic

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 & around 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 - 11 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]

17/04/2000
3/04/2000

3/04/2000
initial call by 4000

1. ✓ SH [redacted] 03

HART tag 5888 R4301 4E21
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 & del. ref. by
[redacted] 2001 Glen 1303
✓ FBI 03
✓ BIPB

3. ✓ Hart called [redacted] re [redacted] at
[redacted] 3/04/2000 at [redacted] 15:00
Hartwell hotel 15:00 [redacted]

4. ✓ Call [redacted] R-1621 also has
[redacted] 2/22 to arrange [redacted]

5. ✓ Call Vic [redacted] to alert re [redacted] del. ref. by

6. ✓ [Broch & docs] C [redacted] 3307

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]

27 Sept - 1 Aug 12 July 62

R 1370 x 5321 4G21

12 ✓ OSI / GSD / ESB

Howard Stark
@ Howard

R 1231 5011-2, 6, 50 SF 37

also [Redacted] (Bros = [Redacted])

13. ✓ IR - [Redacted]

5510 R-1728

14 [Redacted]

230 Woodford 2659

15. ✓ Ar Gunn 7793

Copy for 19th of Feb Wk

16. ✓ TSD / Lou Thomas 2009

17 ✓ [Redacted] 26296 G.D. 410

copy 9027 R. [Redacted]
Ar Gunn
Ar Gunn

18 ✓ [Redacted] / [Redacted]
R-1621 7321

19 [Redacted] [Redacted] Jackson PC for Poly

20 ✓ Bolter 3029 x 311

15 Met Riv	16 Randy, later Rac	17 Randy, later Rac	18 Rac	19 Rac CI - Stud	20 5000 Howard 1100 Cap... with... Randy... [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	21
22 Pickup by [Redacted] before [Redacted] + [Redacted] 140 [Redacted]	23 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	24 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	25 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	26 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	27 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	28

B/R

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

AF obtained data from Subject on his employment with ^{and observations on} the Plastic Institute and factory in Leningrad; copies of their reporting will be forwarded via the Pittsburgh CO/C office. CO/C 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 anything 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 realities data and arrangements were made to have been

travel to Washington, D.C. on 15 July 1962 where he will remain ~~at~~ up to two weeks if necessary.

Office participants in the debriefing are Staff (including the SRC ^{staff}, ~~staff~~), SR/CA, SR/CI, TSD/BAB, TSD/PAB, TSD/CA/PROP, and, if necessary, ^{OS/CSO/...} ^{staff of Security} ^(only group operators).

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

a. Subject stated that he decided to defect because of family problems ^{personal and financial} 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 felt he was not giving 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 Rand Development Corp., Cleveland, Ohio. He set up a plastic exhibit. He confided in no one about his plans to defect. ~~The~~ ^{During} Between his second and third trips to the USSR, he collected personal items which he ^{wanted to keep} ~~collected~~ 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.

ORR

(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.)

2. 1. 2.

highlighting by face

1. planning, usually, almost everything

is given (example) on his wife

2. eventually (or punctuating) reading exact dates

and names of people, taking 'In fact one, 8'

reading words, it's been a long time

1. usually always I ask a lot of questions or

known a situation to help for the moment

3. when faced by the kind of report to try to explain

itself probably to establish identity during various

situations, that's been true and answers, and

great a great deal (variation plus a water running

down over from airports)

4. like this / input actions & reactions also giving

well back, mainly weight in analysis (samples)

5. life full of dependence in the world's in love for

at first starting a money for 2-3 years after

6. tested great ~~experiment~~ ~~theories~~

the long way to conversion in actions, etc.

7. Tendence to digress from line of thought: in answer to
questions, began making things which would group
have than subject. sometimes, because of structural needs
into (seriously a self-jog) + minimal in themselves
to agree.

~~1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.~~

Problems facing 'M' 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. Day time press, how did
think of his wife &
response 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: Claudia Anderson
J. Valentino

Name: Robert Edward Webster

DOB: 22 October 1927

POB: Tiffin, Ohio

Education: Attended grade schools in Tiffin, Ohio and in Zellenople, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Zellenople High School.

Attended Temple College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania - 2 years?

Attended Dickinson College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh

No degree received from any of above higher educational institutions

Military Services: (Years ?) After World War II was in U.S. Navy as an electronics specialist. Navy service number 791742.

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

Children: 1 child, age 10
son, age 9

Parents: Father, Charles H. Webster, ceramics engineer
Mother, Elizabeth Webster Address: Zellenople, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters: None

Wife's Parents: Martha Carroll, Mildred Carroll. Address: Zellenople, Pa.

Physical Description: 5'11" tall, 145 pounds, light brown hair, 145 pounds

Personality: Quiet, introvert

Nicknames: Wife called him "Bob"

Address at Time of Report: 18221 Walton Drive, West Cleveland, Ohio

Employers: Ford Development Corporation

Salary: \$12,000 per year (approximate)

Work Address: 18221 Walton Drive, West Cleveland, Ohio

Activities: Member of the American Legion, Post 1234, Cleveland, Ohio.

Religion: Catholic, member of St. Joseph's Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Personal History: Wife said she never had eyes in this life before. She said she had eyes in a previous life.

Wife said she had eyes in a previous life. She said she had eyes in a previous life.

Wife said she had eyes in a previous life. She said she had eyes in a previous life.

1948 - Moscow - ...
 1949 - ...
 1950 - ...
 1951 - ...
 1952 - ...
 1953 - ...
 1954 - ...
 1955 - ...
 1956 - ...
 1957 - ...
 1958 - ...
 1959 - ...

Soviet Citizenship

- 1. Applied for Soviet citizenship 11 July 1959
- 2. Officially stated that he had received Soviet citizenship - 17 September 1959
- 3. 16 October 1959 Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs teletype American Embassy, Moscow to state that Subject had assumed Soviet citizenship
- 4. 17 October 1959 Second Secretary of American Embassy, Richard E. Snyder met Subject at Central Office of the Union and Registrations (U.S.R.) of the Militia at Volodarskiy Prospekt, Moscow where Subject affirmed that he had applied for Soviet citizenship in July and had been granted Soviet citizenship on or about 17 September 1959. He had also applied for a Soviet Internal Passport which he had received on about 31 October 1959.

* In late August 1959, wife of Subject had called Subject in Moscow and asked that he should return to the U.S. and if she should enroll the children in East Cleveland in the fall of 1959 and to return soon, the wife said she would transfer the children to Cleveland. Subject called a lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio, to return to the U.S. soon. (U.S. to try.)

Life in the U.S.

- 1. 17 October 1959 - ...
- 2. ...
- 3. Taken to ... (In this ... and Scientific ...)
- 4. ... PLAVENKO, who he had ... and divorced from ...
- 5. ...
- 6. ...
- 7. ...

...