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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 SR9 of the Soviet Russia Division.

(at present this document would probably be in his personnel file.)

Approximately fifteen people knew that Langelle

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These included John Mawry (SE), [redacted] (SR9), [redacted] (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper, Frank Levy, [redacted]

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Jack Kindschi, [redacted]
Ed Galloway, Leonard McCoy
(Reports and Requirements), Pierre
de Silva (COS), and someone at
the [redacted] Office of
Security.



Langelle served as the Security
Officer at the Moscow [redacted]
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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[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 headquarters, 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 [redacted] did not use [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~~ ~~consular~~ Moscow in 1959, Winters was the senior CIA officer there. Mahoney and Leberman were still there, and Washenko may still have been there. Langelle's replacement as [redacted] Security Officer was John Abidian, [redacted]

[redacted] 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 1962 included [redacted]

[redacted] and possibly [redacted]

At headquarters the chief of the Soviet Russia Division was [redacted] 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

[redacted] 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 [redacted]

[redacted] but he plans to retire soon.

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Sangelle

Sangelle was born on October 7, 1922.

His social security number is [redacted]

He is married, with three children.

Sangelle
~~Sangelle~~

He joined the CIA in September, 1950, and worked mainly in ^{SR9 of} the Soviet Russian Division. In November 1955 he

[Large redacted area]

would probably be in his personnel files.)

Approximately

fifteen people knew that [redacted]

in 1955. These included John Maury (SE), [redacted] (SR9), [redacted]

[redacted] (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper (sp), Frank Levy [redacted]

[redacted] Jack Kirkovich, [redacted]

[redacted] Ed Galloway, Leonard McCoy (Reports and Requirements),

Pierre de Silva (CAS), and [redacted]

someone at the [redacted] Office of Security.

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[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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deliberately tough on CIA personnel for security breaches [redacted]

[redacted]

In September

1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he earned ~~developed~~ a reputation for being a strict security officer. The CIA ^{was} Chief of Station ~~and the~~ in Vienna [redacted]

[redacted] He served as the security officer at the Moscow [redacted] from December 1957 to September 1959.

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

[redacted]

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

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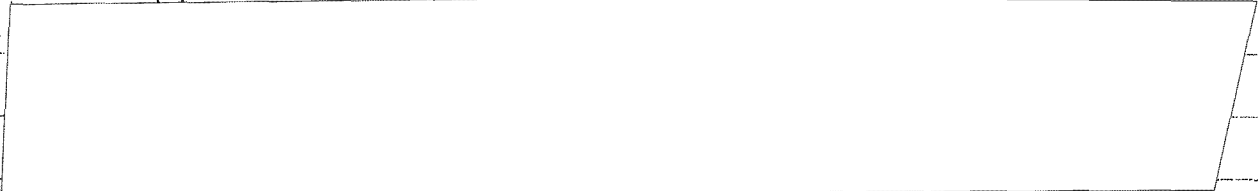
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In 1959 ~~and~~ the Soviets declared L'Angeli persona non grata as a result of ~~the~~ his involvement with P.S. Popov. L'Angeli was the case officer for Popov, who worked for the ~~Soviet~~ GRU, Soviet military intelligence. L'Angeli ~~had been contacting Popov~~ While [redacted]

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~~after~~ making a contact with Popov, Langelle was detained by the KGB

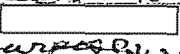
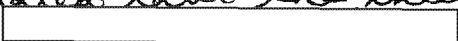


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* He also stated that the intelligence officers  did not see  for intelligence purposes, *

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

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left the Soviet Union, was the responsibility of the State Department, The Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the FBI.

When Langelle left Moscow in 1959, Winters was the senior CIA officer there. Mahoney and Seberman were still there, and Vasenko may still have been there. Langelle's replacement as [redacted] security officer was John Abidian, [redacted]

[redacted] Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who ^{replaced Winters as the successor} ~~became the senior~~ CIA officer. Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Barber, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included

[redacted] and possibly [redacted]

~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included Paul Adams (Naval) Attache (Navy), Ted Hoffman (Army)~~

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

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[redacted] but he plans to retire soon.

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Russell August Sangello
~~Bengali~~

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10-7-22

[Redacted]

m 3 ch.

(SR9)

language, operational + mil.
experience, reliab., stabil.

EIA

Sept 50

SR Div.

[Redacted]

Nov. 55

[Redacted]

- Sec. Off.

Vienna

[Redacted]

Moscow - Dec. 57

Sept. 59

[Redacted]

(SR 9 - internal ops
of Mos. component
& comple of
officers in
Division

first COS Paul Gerbler

Mar 56

Vienna

Sept. 56

SE John Mawry

SR9

Ch. of Ops

[Redacted]

George ~~Winfelder~~ (sp.) Kisebatter

~~Jack Kinoshy~~

Frank Levy

[Redacted]

Jack Kinoshy

[Redacted]

Ed Galloway

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Reports + Requirements

Leonard Mc Coy

COS Pierre de Silve

[Redacted]

Office of Security

[Redacted]

Moscow

[Redacted]

officers

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Jangelle

~~George P.~~

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George P.

[redacted]

- Winters, Mahoney, Venables

Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

- orientation

rather than operations

left in 59

John Abidjan

[redacted]

Sec. Officer

took over

[redacted]

responsibilities

CIA George P. Winters

[redacted]

Washenko - maybe still there

Mahoney + Seberman

PNG - agency operation

~~returned~~

penetration on BRtl - mil. intell.

Pyta & Popov. agent

It was case off.

case compromised

[redacted]

state protested

PNG

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Back to US

[redacted]

Jan 60

[redacted]

dates

+ agency functions

Resumed CIA parttime '61, ^{communications to Mos.} Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis.

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~~S. Sangelle~~

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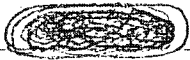
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(Penkovsky)

cut out - Brit. wife

SR9 Sept 61 - 62

 moved back to CIA

on full-time basis Sept 61

(Dec 58 - Sept 59)

Mahony  officer

Communicat. - Mos. to HQ

SR9 Jack Mawry

Winters remained

LHO,

in conversation a consular officer said Marine
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

consular off. would bring it to your attention

George Nieswalper - in Berlin, handled Popov while
in E. Berlin + Vienna.

- handled Penkovsky.

- maybe Rosenko.

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Sangelle
~~L'Angeli~~

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Benjamin
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[redacted] in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.
Ted Hoffman Arm
Munson
~~Mundeen~~ 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

[redacted] personnel could not be used for intel. without
prior approval [redacted]

Provocations

Harmstone

~~PA~~

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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Langelle
~~L. Angeli~~

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62 Hugh Montgomery (senior)

[redacted]

Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)

[redacted]

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.

~~SR~~ Africa + Eur.

[redacted]

([redacted] Moscow
GSB - 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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He believed that the military intelligence people at the Embassy would have been contacted about Oswald's defection. The military intelligence personnel included ~~Paul Hoffman~~ ^{Paul Adams} (Navy), Dulacki (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), Munson (Navy) and Ted Hoffman (Army).

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

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle had no contacts with R. G. Korengold or Aline Mosby, did not know A. I. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson ~~after his~~ ^{expulsion} for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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Winters

res. 61 Eugene
30-61 - 11-64

Mahoney - Rt. 1 Berkeley
Parbler - Vienna Hill Ct. 22180
1503 2nd St. W. Va.

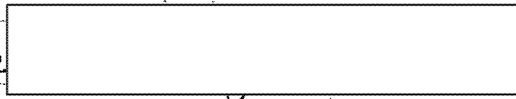
Osborne - McLean

17 Feb 62 - 20 Sep 63
356-4650

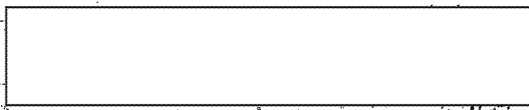
Montgomery -

first COS

26 June 62 - 14 Dec 62



11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65



HQ

annual leave til May 22

11 Jan 63, 18 Jan 66 Jerry Prehn

HQ 2 p.m.

May 13

C/SR

John Maury

1 Dec 54 - 29 Jul 62

3704 Farr Ave,
Fairfax

Howard J. Osborne

30 Jul 62

15 Sept 63

Atty. John Debelus
948-6727

David C. Murphy

1537 Forest

16 Sept 63 - 10 Mar 68

Villa Lane, McLean
356-9523

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