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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 1950 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
For 201 - 265472

- CIA Staff and Contract Personnel known to KGW | Exclusion "A"
during 15-28 July, 1962

<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 Zimin (AERIALITY) 4. [REDACTED] (AERIALITY)	"Dick" "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/M&S)	"Mike"	23-25 & 27 July
14. [REDACTED] (TSD/BAB)	Preston aka Pret Abbott	24 July
15. Dr. Charles Bohrer (medical)	Dr. Brussels	24 July
16. Ned Bennett	"Ned"	19 July

17/BR

Rs Expenses

Sunday 15 July

2100 Rue at Motel

Monday 16 July

0930 - 1615 Rue & Eleanor at Motel

Tuesday 17 July

0930 - 1715 at Motel Rue & Eleanor

1030 - 1600 ~~(Vicaratic w/ "~~

1715 - 1910 dinner Hopkins in Paragon Inn (w/1/p)

Rue/Eleanor) Joe B. & Sam M.

Wednesday 18 July

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

1200 - 1300 Lunch

1300 - 1630 R, E, V, V, JB + SM - (60 at 1400)

8.6.-

Thursday 19 July

0930 - 1200 Bed + Pickle

1200 - 1245 Lunch

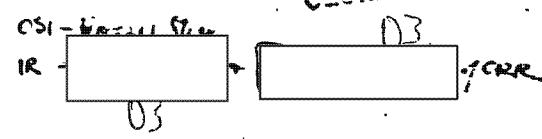
1245 - 1430 Bed + Pickle

1430 - 1530 \$1n & w/ Pickle

1530 - 1630 Bed + Pickle

Fri 20 July

0930 - 1100
1100 - 1245



Sat 21 July

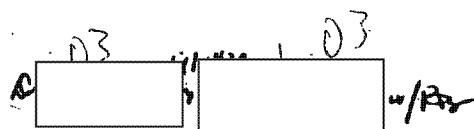
1200 - 1330
1900 - 2430

Rudi at motel
Rudi up/wk out

3.- 7.-

Monday 23 July

0900 - 1600



Tue 24 July

0930 - 1330

1330 - 1730

1900 - 2400

RR, Rudi arrived 1120
Dr. Brune (psychiatric Session alone)
Rudi RR - out (jazz concert, etc)

Wed 25 July

0930 - 1600

[] (concluded psych testing)

Thur 26 July

O3

0930 - 1530

1730 - 2030

Leo & RR
Leo & RB
+ 11 2300 (party)

Fri 27 July

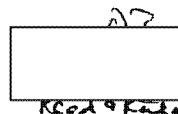
0830 - 0930

0930 - 1200

1200 - 1400

1400 - 1630

1930 - 2400



(concluded debriefing)

Read & Fas.

Dr G & Fas w/Per & Rudi (feedback on psych testing)

Read & Per

Per for finances & schedule elicitation assessment

Sat 28 July

0930 - 1200 Rudi to help buy clothes & farewell.

7/BR

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5 July 72

Date: 5 July 72

Re: [REDACTED] indicate by, USG

1. ✓ SH:

[REDACTED] OS

HART tag

5888 K9301 4E21

CS/SPS Support Division
(SISD)

OS

[REDACTED]

Statement # from SR for funds to
be paid for motel room & phone expenses.

Call Hart when

[REDACTED]

Leave room.

OS

(rat agreement w/ finance on SR)

2. ✓ TSD Authorization, + others alerted re clothes
+ 2000's Glen, 2nd floor, 7/24/72
✓ F.B.I. OS
- ✓ S.A.P.

3. ✓ Hart called since 10:00 am, he said
he is buying at 11:30 am,
Hart will tell us just when he'll be back

4. ✓ Call [REDACTED] R-1621 also he has
R-7322 to arrange 2000's

5. ✓ Call Dick to alert re panel striping.

6. ✓ [REDACTED] C 15307

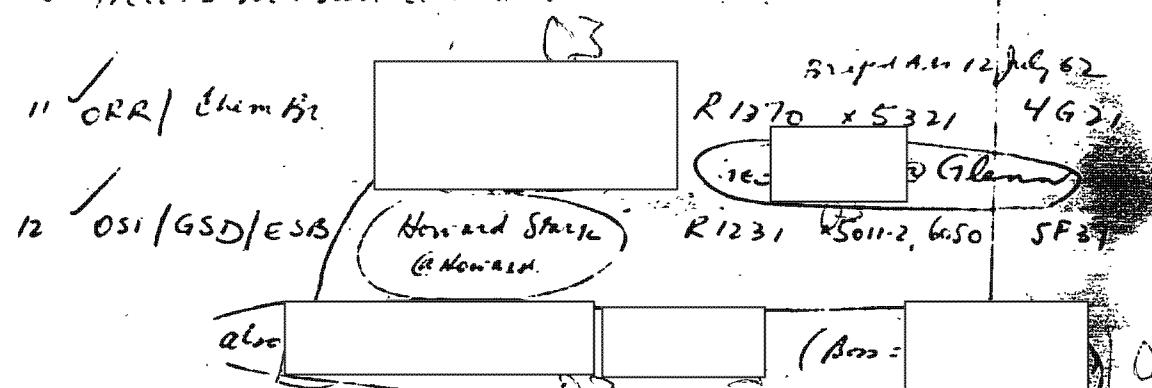
7. ✓ CA Prop New Blanket x 102

8. ✓ S.A.C. [REDACTED] OS

(cover)

9. Make debriefing schedule

10 ✓ Process ticketed documents



13. ✓ IR - (Julie Kennerly) (C3) *5510 R-1728

14 (C3) 230 Wabash *2659

15 ✓ Mr Gunn 7793 Conf for 19th of fall wk

16. TSD / Lou Thomas 2009

17 ✓ (C3) 16296 G.D.C. 410 (C3)

18 ✓ NICK Storckens / Les Fannin (C3)
R-1621 7321

9027 R. [Eric Stone
Al Finner
Al Danner]

19 (C3) [Jackson PC for Poly] (C3)

20 ✓ Bohrer 3C29 x 7317 (C3)

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
met Kew	Kew, later Race	Kew Race	Kew	P.W.	over reward 1100 signatures with photo Replies S	
				C1-Start	(842-232) Race & RIS 6430-183 1730-2000 w/ 1000 like	
22	23	24	25	26	27	
	PICKUP at 10 AM between 10 AM & 11 AM 1400 10 AM	10 AM 1030-1030 10 AM 10 AM	10 AM Race 10 AM	10 AM Race & RIS 6430-183 1730-2000 w/ 1000 like	1200-1400 Race & RIS 10 AM 10 AM 400-1030 10 AM & RIS	

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1# Because there was short and two different offices participated in the debriefing, it is desired that AF would conduct a chronological questioning on Subject's experience and the CO and AF official would interject the ~~cross~~ questioning whenever appropriate.

AF obtained data from Subject on his employment and education with the Plastic Institute and factory in Leningrad; copies of their reporting will be forwarded via the Pittsburgh CO/C office. DDCI 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 ~~never~~ 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 him

travel to Washington, D.C., on 15 July 1962, where he will remain ~~until~~ ^{when called} up to two weeks if necessary. Officers participating in the debriefing are SK/6 (in charge of SRC ^{Intell.} planning), SK/4, SK/C1, TSD/BAB, TSD/PAB, TSD); CA/PROP; ORR/Chemical Branch and, if necessary, ^{Officer of Security} (Polygraph operators). OS/1050/ESB, JA/511/JP

3. The following are some significant facts derived from the preliminary debriefing: and comments of ~~decommissioned~~ value.

a. Subject states that he decided to defect because of family problems, ^{personal and financial}, 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 keeps ~~not paying~~ giving enough attention to their children.) Subject began planning of defection during the second in a series of three trips he made to the USSR as a representative of the Kroc Development Corp., Cleveland, Ohio, to set up a plastic exhibit. He confided in no one about his plans to defect. The ~~intervening~~ between his second and third trips to the USSR, he collected personal items which he ^{wanted to keep} ~~had~~ during his residence in 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.

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- 4 - (See sources in Joint Inter. 1)

~~She is common law marriage and where she gone
bitter to their child.~~ Analysis of data obtained
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 de-~~
~~subject believes~~
~~the kidnapping 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 on 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 released from a
hospital.)

1. תְּרִיכָהִי וְדַבְרָהִי יְסֹדֵךְ לְפָנֶיךָ וְעַכְשָׂמָךְ: וְיַעֲמֹדֵךְ לְבָנָךְ

~~selected~~ ~~selected~~ ~~selected~~ ~~selected~~ ~~selected~~

~~5. like full of dependence on the business, in
the course of time, it becomes a
source of income & of honour &
it is a good investment.~~

~~4. Lisi's wills for spiritual achievement will be given to us (Lisipolo).~~

gives a good idea (Bircham 1960 + 1962, 1965).

with many difficulties, but we have got through them all now.

• Location of egg-laying of most species is unknown
is uncertain because it is rare to have many
of them in one place at the same time

... in long time after this, the Emperor Tamerlane

outwardly (superficially) appearing nearer cells can become public, being in fact ours.

Thucydides (Archon) 560/559

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հայութեան պատմութեան հայութեան

• ३२४ / के निष्ठाय,

• २३१ •

Problems facing Jim now:

1. Obtain job
2. Repay father & mother financially & morally
3. Support two children born to his ex-wife
4. " one child " " for mistress

Page 10 of the ~~dictation~~ of the interview
with T. R. GORDON, dated April 14, 1941, was
dictated by T. R. GORDON, who stated that he had been
admitted to the Hospital about 4 years ago, following an
operation to remove a tumor from his brain. He informed
the examiner that he has no right side of recall.
Recalling as though memories returning, as though it were
coming in clear. The only time he became tense,
almost hysterical, nervous, was when I interrupted
the session, at the time he was identifying YEGOROV
saying, T.R.GORDON asked him why he used
to smoke. When he already had said so, the
examiner. When questioning him was concluded he
had to lie back again.

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1. Who has dual citizenship?
 2. Any time prior, does her
think of his wife's
response to him. —
 3. She told him she willing have
abortion - if woman in Soviet
Russia, 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

WITNESSED:

R. Valentine

E. Anderson

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: Eleanor Anderson
J. Valentino

ENCLOSURE "B"

Name: Albert Albert Weisler

Born: 22 October 1921

Hometown: Tiffin, Ohio

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

Attended Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania - 2 years?

Attended Pittsburgh Teachers College, Edinboro, Pennsylvania

Attended Ceramic Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh

No degree received from any of above 3 in her educational institutions

Dates?

Military Service: (Years?) After World War II was in U.S. Navy as an electronics specialist. Navy service number 7917712.

Family: Wife, Martha Carroll Weisler, age 33, graduate of Zelienople High School, Zelienople, Pennsylvania. Trained as a beautician. Described as brown-eyed, pretty blonde.

Children: Child 1, age 10
Child 2, age 2

Parents: Father, Charles H. Weisler, ceramics engineer
Mother, Elizabeth Weisler Address: Zelienople, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters: None

Wife's Parents: John Carroll, Edward Carroll. Address: Zelienople, Pa.

Physical Description: Six feet tall, blue eyes, light brown, wavy hair, 165 pounds

Occupation: Waiter, Waitress

Hobbies: Wife called him "clown"

Address at Time of Defect: 1829 Wilson Avenue, West Cleveland, Ohio

Employer: Industrial Development Corp. of America

Stationary car in the 1950's (approximate)

Vehicle license number 195036

Relatives: Son, age 10, wife of child, Dickie, born 1948, West Cleveland, Ohio.

Report: U.S. Land, Inc. date of accident 1950 or 1951

Witness Testimony: Wife will corroborate and expand on the following statements concerning

Defendant's information he obtained from a trip to the U.S. West Coast in 1950 or 1951. He was accompanied by his wife, Dickie, son of the defendant.

In FBI Interview #1-2 on 10/10/51, after 2 trips to California, she said his wife, Dickie, was very ill. Dickie frequently disclosed to defendant's travelling in a certain vehicle with his wife. She had mentioned to defendant that her husband did not feel well & consider it. Defendant replied that in about two days he would get better.

Subject - now - no longer has diplomatic status
and is not eligible for diplomatic status

Subject - now - no longer has diplomatic status

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Soviet Citizenship

- * 1. Subject said he had applied for Soviet citizenship 11 July 1959.
- 2. Official in U.S. stated that he had received Soviet citizenship - 17 September 1959.
- 3. On 26 October 1959 Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs telephoned American Embassy, Moscow, to advise that Subject had assumed Soviet citizenship.
- 4. On 17 October 1959 General Secretary of American Embassy, Richard E. Snyder met Subject at Central Committee of the "Vrazhdy i Registratsiya" (V.R.) of the militia at Bel Avenir Apartments, Moscow where Subject affirmed that he had applied for Soviet citizenship 11 July and on 17 September 1959. Subject had also applied for a Soviet internal passport which he had been told he would receive later 1959.
- * 5. In late August, subject's sister, wife of Subject and child object in Moscow and asked whether she could return to the U.S. and if she should enroll the children in East Cleveland High School. Subject advised that he would do so soon, the wife said she would transfer the children to Cleveland. Subject called a lawyer in Cleveland. He returned to Moscow, U.S., he left.

Life in the U.S.

- 1. In October 1959 - 20 to 25 miles from Moscow in the mountains of Altai, subject worked for PLUTOVY, when he had free time, he worked in his garden, grew vegetables, etc. (see notes)
- 2. Worked in factory - 10 hours a day (see notes)
- 3. Taken to Bel Avenir to work in Plastic Institute (Institute for Applied Scientific Research) called Far Eastern Plastic Institute (see notes)
- 4. After 1 year, subject left with his wife and son PLUTOVY, when he had free time, he worked in his garden, grew vegetables, etc. (see notes)
- 5. Subject's wife and child called him PLUTOVY, when he had free time, he worked in his garden, grew vegetables, etc. (see notes)
- 6. Subject's wife and child called him PLUTOVY, when he had free time, he worked in his garden, grew vegetables, etc. (see notes)
- 7. In Aug. 1961, the subject applied for Soviet exit visa. Granted October 1962.
- * 8. Subject's wife and child called him PLUTOVY, when he had free time, he worked in his garden, grew vegetables, etc. (see notes)