

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
For 201 - 265472

- CIA Staff and Contract Personnel known - REU) during 15-27 July 1962

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. George Stone (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

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Sunday 15 July

• 2100 Run at Motel

Monday 16 July

0930 - 1615 Run at Motel

Tuesday 17 July

0930 - 1715

at Motel Run & Eleanor

1030 - 1600

(Vic & Dick) w/ " "

1715 - 1910

Dinner Hopoto in Parkington (w/1.p)

1910 - 2115

Run/Eleanor/ Joe B / Sam M

Wed 18 July

0930 - 1200

R, E, V, V at motel

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1630

R, E, V, V, JB & SM. 100 at 1400

Thurs 19 July

0930 - 1200

Read & Ride

1200 - 1245

Lunch

1245 - 1430

Read & Ride

1430 - 1530

Shu & w/ pic

1530 - 1630

Read & Ride

2's Expenses

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Fri 20 July

0930 - 1100
1100 - 1245

CSI - Wozniak Stone

IR - [Geo Stone] → []

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CCR

Sat 21 July

1200 - 1330
1900 - 2130

Rudi at motel

Rudi w/ RW out

Monday 23 July

0900 - 1600

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w/ RW

Tues 24 July

0930 - 1330

1330 - 1730

1900 - 2400

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RR has B arrived 1120

Dr Bohner (psychiatric sessions alone)

RR & RW - out (jazz concert, etc)

Wed 25 July

0930 - 1600

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(concluded psych testing)

Thurs 26 July

0930 - 1530

1730 - 2030

Leo & RW

Leo & RW

all 2300 (party)

Fri 27 July

0830 - 0930

0930 - 1200

1200 - 1400

1400 - 1630

1930 - 2400

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(concluded debriefing)

Read & RW

Dr G & RW

Read & RW

RR for presence & conclude dictation & assessment

w/ RW & RW (feedback on psych testing)

Sat 28 July

0930 - 1200

RR to help dry clothes & farewell

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1. ✓ SH [redacted] 03
 HART tag 5888 R4301 4221
 CS/ops Support Division
 (S/USD)

[redacted] 03
 Allotment # from SR for funds to
 be paid for motel room & phone expenses
 Call Hart when [redacted] leaves room.
 (rel agreement w/ finance in SR)

2. ✓ TSD distribution. Mother alerted re clothing
 & toiletries.
 [redacted] 1000 Glen 1003
 ✓ FBI/1 03
 ✓ BHP

3. ✓ Hart called since distribution. He
 is in 3 rooms at [redacted]
 Marriott Hotel. 15 just from [redacted]

4. ✓ Call [redacted] 02 R-1021 also has
 1022 to arrange [redacted]
 5. ✓ Call [redacted] to alert re parcel delivery.
 6. ✓ [redacted] 03
 7. ✓ CA Prop New Grant x 102
 8. ✓ 12/04 [redacted] 03

(over)

9. Make debriefing schedule

10 Process Webster's documents

11 ✓ ORR / Chem Hr

[Redacted]

R 1370 x 5321 4G21

rec Stone @ Glenn

12 ✓ OSI / GSD / ESB

Howard Stark
(@ Howard)

R 1231 5011-2, 6050 5F31

also

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

13. ✓ IR - [Redacted] 5510 R-1728

Mc Stone

14

[Redacted]

230 Woodmont x 2654

15 ✓ Mc Gunn

7793

orig for 19th of Feb Wk

16. TSD / Lou Thomas x 2009

17

[Redacted]

x 6296 G.D. 410

18 ✓ [Nick Sparano] / Lou Thomas
R-1621 7321

orig 9027 R

(rec Stone)
Mc Gunn
Mc Stone

19

[Redacted]

(Jackson PC for Poly)

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Boher

3029 x 1311

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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[Enclosure "B"]

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 ^{and observations on} with 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 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 ~~arrived~~ returns 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 realistic data and arrangements were made to have him

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travel to Washington, A.C., on 15 July 1962 where
 he will remain ~~there~~ ^{when it} up to two weeks if necessary.
 Office participants in the debriefing are SR/6 (in-
 cluding the SRC, ~~and if necessary, (only, graph operators)~~, SR/CA,
 SR/CI, TSD/BAB, TSD/PAB, TSD/ ; CA/PROP,
 and, if necessary, ^{Office of Security} ~~(only, graph operators)~~.
 OS/CSO/ESB,
 IN/ST/1/2,
 and

CRR/Chemical Branch

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

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 paying
 enough attention to their children.) Subject began
 thinking of defection during the ~~the~~ second in a series of
 three trips he made to the USSR as a representative
 of the Rand Development Corp., Cleveland, Ohio,
 to set up a plastic exhibit. He confided in no one
 about his plans to defect. The ~~evening~~ ^{evening} between his
 second and third trips to the USSR, he collected personal
 items which he ~~collected~~ ^{wanted to keep} 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.

(She divorced Soviet husband.)
~~the common last name and it was she gave~~
~~birth 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 ~~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 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.)

Characterized by free:

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 to the best of my knowledge" necessary always to ask lots many questions or rework a situation to help jog his memory.
3. When pressed by the contract agent to try to explain detailed procedures to establish identity during various situations, KPW became tense and anxious, and sweat a great deal (sweat on face & water running down areas from armpits).
4. ~~Life filled w/ impulse actions & decisions w/o giving each much thought or analysis (examples)~~
5. ~~Life full of dependence on his parents & in laws for at first, clothing & money for 2-3 years after his elopement.~~
6. ~~Lacked great determination in thought.~~
Religious belief only, mental process, but failed to live up to convictions in actions, i.e.,
7. Tendency to digress from line of thought: in answer to a question, began narrating during which would grasp another subject. Sometimes, because it produced new info (serving as a self-jog) & he would be permitted to digress.

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

1. ~~What~~ ^{man} has dual citizenship?
2. Any time prison, how do
 think of red wife &
 reponse to her. —
3. She told him she willing have
 abortion — if woman in Soviet
 A.S.P., does SIS tell women
 to have an abortion.

ENCLOSURE "C"

~~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. Valentino

E. Anderson

SECRET

ENCLOSURE "D"

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

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107 : 71-52, 61c

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

extended before 1960, is it is, Pennsylvania - 2 years?

1. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Attended Graphic Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh

to degree received from any of above higher educational institutions
Dates?

Military Service: (Years ?) After World War II was in U.S. Navy as an electronics specialist. Navy service number 791743.

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

Children: Child 1, age 10
Child 2, age 9

Parents: Father, Charles H. Wolfson, ceramics engineer
Mother, Elizabeth Wolfson Address: 700 Circle, Pa.

Brothers and Sisters: None

Wife's Parents: John Carroll, Mildred Carroll. Address: Jefferson 16, Ia.

Physical Description: Sex Male, Age 28, Height 5' 8", Weight 145 pounds

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in letters to his wife called him "a" "a"

Address at Time of Defect is: 18791 Golden Gate, Apt Cleveland, Ohio

File name: I:\d\Development\Corrections

History of the U.S. (continued)

DATE: 10/10/2003

Produced by the U.S. Coast Guard, 1964. Revised 1965. Printed at the U.S. Coast Guard, Cleveland, Ohio.

lower: "U.S. ... of"

Non-stick handles: 11/12 - did not experience any problems for effects but a couple
of them were not used.

10. On 11-12-1964, after he returned from a trip to the United States, he was arrested on the 12th of November 1964, at the Los Angeles Airport.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the situation and the goals that need to be achieved. It is important to gather all relevant information and to define the problem clearly.

4-13-68 - 1st - Shared with Chris

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Soviet Friendship

- * 1. Applied for Soviet citizenship 11 July 1950
2. Officially stated that he had received Soviet citizenship - 17 September 1950
3. 16 October 1950 Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs telephoned American Embassy, Moscow to state that Subject had assumed Soviet citizenship
4. 17 October 1950 Second Secretary of American Embassy, Richard E. Snyder met Subject at Central Office of the "War and Registrations (C.V.R.) of the Militia at Belachinsk, Ussr, where Subject affirmed that he had applied for Soviet citizenship in July and had been granted Soviet citizenship on or about 17 September 1950. Subject had also applied for a Soviet Internal passport which he had been told he would receive for 1950.

* In late August, 1962, the wife of Subject had called Subject in Moscow and asked if he had been in contact with the U.S. and if she should enroll the children in East Cleveland's public schools. Subject told her to wait and to return soon, the wife said she would transfer to Cleveland. Subject called a nurse:

Life in the ...

1. In 1942, I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad.
2. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad.
3. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad.
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7. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad. I was in the city of Leningrad.

• Wiederholungsfragen sind in der Regel mit "Wie oft..." oder "Wie häufig..." zu beantworten.