

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 Hotel, 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.

R.B.
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 - REU | Exlosure "A"
 during 15-27 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)	"Dick"	17 July
4.03 Viktor Petrov (AERIALITY)	"Vic"	17 July
5.03 Joe Bugel (TSD)	"Joe"	17 July
6.03 Sam Markowitz (TSD)	"Sam"	17 July
7.03 Leo Lyons (AERIALITY)	"Leo"	17 and 26 July
8. Stuart Duncan (SR)	"Steve"	19 July
9. Howard Stark (OSI)	"Howard"	20 July
10.03 Garrett Cochran (ORR)	"John"	20 July
11.03 George Stone (IR)	"Glenn"	20 July & 27 July
12.03 Robert E. Goodnow (TSD)	"Bob"	23 and 27 July
13.03 Michael McKee (OTR/A&E)	"Mike"	23-25 & 27 July
14.03 Preston Abbott (TSD/BAB)	Preston aka Pret Abbott	24 July
15. Dr. Charles Bohrer (medical)	Dr. Brussales	24 July
16. Ned Bennett	"Ned"	19 July

12/BA

Sunday 15 July

• 2100 Read at Motel

Monday 16 July

0930 - 1615 Read & Eat at Motel

Tuesday 17 July

0930 - 1715 at Motel Read & Eleanor

1030 - 1600 (Vic) Dick w/ " " "

1715 - 1910 Dinner Hop to in Parkington (w/1.p)

1910 - 2115 Read/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. Leo at 1400

Thurs 19 July

0930 - 1200 Read & file

1200 - 1245 Lunch

1245 - 1430 Read & Lunch

1430 - 1530 Stu & w/pic

1530 - 1630 Read & file

Z's Expenses

16.

0.6.

Fri 20 July

0930 - 1100
1100 - 1245

OSI - Wozniak Steve
IR - [Geo Stone] → [Frank Cochran] w/RR
03

Sat 21 July

1200 - 1330
1900 - 2430

Rubi at motel
Rubi w/RR out

Monday 23 July

0900 - 1600

03
Ar [Gardner] → [Mike McKee] w/RR
111430

Tue 24 July

0930 - 1330
1330 - 1730
1900 - 2400

03
[Mike McKee] w/RR has B around 1120
Dr Bohner (psychiatric sessions alone)
RR w/RR - out (Jazz concert, etc)

Wed 25 July

0930 - 1600

[Mike McKee] (concluded psych testing)

Thur 26 July

0930 - 1530
1730 - 2030

03
Leo w/RR
Leo w/RR → 11 2300 (party)

Fri 27 July

0830 - 0930
0930 - 1200
1200 - 1400
1400 - 1630
1930 - 2400

03
[Geo Stone] (concluded debriefing)
Read & RR
Dr G & RR w/RR & RR (feedback on psych testing)
Read & RR
RR for processes & conclude discussion & assessment

Sat 28 July

0930 - 1200

RR to help dry clothes & farewell

1/24/72
3/21/72

3/21/72
initial call by 400

1. ✓ SH [Edward B. Taylor] 03

HART tag 5888 R4301 4E21
CS/ops Support Division
(S' (6D))

03
[Com Swancy]

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

Call Hart when [Taylor] leaves room.
03

Final agreement w/ finance in SR

2. ✓ TSD authentication & others alerted re clothes
[Chuck Boliver] 12001 Glenn 12003
✓ FBI 1 03
✓ BRB

3. ✓ Hart called since [unclear] in
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
Hartwell hotel [unclear] [unclear]

4. ✓ Call [unclear] 03 R-1021 also has
to arrange [unclear]

5. ✓ Call [unclear] to alert re panel delisting.

6. ✓ [Borch & [unclear]] 03 x3307

7. ✓ CIA Prop New [unclear] x142

8. ✓ [unclear] [unclear] 03

(over)

9. Make debriefing schedule

10 Process Webster's documents

11 ORR / Chem Br

Garnett Cochran @ John

R 1370 x 5321 4G21

Sept 14, 12 July 62

rec Stone @ Glenn

12 OSI / GSD / ESAB

Howard Stark @ Howard

R 1231 5011-2, 6:50 5F37

also Hyman Gelman @ Seymour (Ass: Al Brown)

13. IR -

Lucie Knott @ Nic Stone

5510 R-1728

14 Sam Markowitz

(Im Boyel) 230 Woodmont

x 2654

15. Ar Gunn

7793

Cramped 19th of full wk

16. TSD / Lou Thomas x 2009

17. Mike McKie @ Mike McKie x 6296 G.D. 410

18. Nick Storvick / Les Kanning R-1621 7321

rec Stone @ Glenn @ Dimes

19. ~~Pete Stevens~~ Jackson PC for Poly

20. Bohler x 3029 x 7317

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Meet Riv	Recd, later Rec	Recd, later Rec	Recd	Riv	5400 Howard	
				C1-Strat	1100 Seymour w/John's	
		rec ESAB			Rec'd free S	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Pickup for CIA man betw CIA & Home Home	1:30-1:45	since McKie's car day	Les & Riv 6430-153	12:30-1:00	
	1407	1:30-1:45		7:30-2:00 w/c	12:00-1:00	
	1:30-1:45	1:30-1:45		12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00	
	1:30-1:45	1:30-1:45		12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00	
	1:30-1:45	1:30-1:45		12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00	

B/SR

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~~ 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, A.C. on 15 July 1962 where
he will remain ~~for~~ up to two weeks if necessary.

Office ^{whom} participated in the debriefing are Sr/6 (in-
cluding the SRC ^{staff}, 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/1/5

ORR/Chemical Branch

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

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 just ^{was} not paying enough
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 plastics exhibit. He confided in no one
about his plans to defect. The ~~time~~ ^{interval} 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.

(sic discuss Soviet to be. 1)

~~It is common law marriage and it was 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.)

KEU

Characterized by foll:

1. Blaming, usually, almost everything negative (example) on his wife.
2. Constantly (& frustratingly) avoiding direct dates and names of people, stating "I'm not sure, of exacting wording, it's been a long time".
"as I remember & the best of my knowledge" necessary always to ask lots of many questions or review a situation to help jog his memory.
3. When pressed by the contract agent to try to explain detailed procedures to establish identity during previous situations, KEU became tense and anxious, and sweat a great deal (sweat on face & water running down areas from armpits).
4. Life filled w/ impulsive actions & decisions w/o giving each much thought or analysis (examples)
5. Life full of dependence on his parents & in-laws for ~~the first~~ clothing & money for 2-3 years after his deployment.
6. ~~taught~~ ~~great~~ ~~belief~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~power~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~mind~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~anything~~ ~~he~~ ~~wanted~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~to~~ ~~live~~ ~~up~~ ~~to~~ ~~concepts~~ ~~in~~ ~~actions~~, ~~etc.~~
Religious belief only, mental process, but failed to live up to convictions in actions, etc.
7. Tendency to digress from line of thought: in answer to a question, began narrative during which would grasp another subject. Sometimes, because it produced new info (serving as a self-jog) & he would be committed to digress.

~~2/1/80~~
~~1/1/80~~
R.S. [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

14-00000

Problems facing 2nd year:

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~~ ^{what} has dual citizenship?
2. Any time press, how do
think of red wife &
repress to be her.
3. She told him she willing have
abortion - if woman in secret
to 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

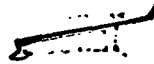
Robert Edward Webster

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: Eleanor Anderson
J. Valentino



ENCLOSURE #3

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 Lehigh College, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania - 2 years?

Attended Philadelphia Teachers College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh

No degree received from any of above higher educational institutions

Military Service: (Years?) After World War II was in U.S. Navy as an electronics specialist. Navy service number 7917-12.

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: Child 1, age 10
Child 2, age 9

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

Brothers and Sisters: None

Wife's Parents: Father, Fred Carroll, Mother, Mildred Carroll. Address: Zellenople, Pa.

Physical Description: Sex: Male, Race: White, Height: 5'10", Weight: 145 pounds

Personality: Quiet, introvert

Nickname: Wife called him "Bob"

Address at Time of Report: 18231 Golden Solwe, Post Office 10, Tiffin

Employer: Hand Development Center, Tiffin

Salary: \$10.00 per hour

Work History: Since 1963

Friends: Robert J. ... Cleveland, Ohio

Religion: U.S. ...

Domestic Violence: Wife ...

... returned from ...

... after ...
... wife, ...
... travelling in connection with ...
...
...

new - no ...

October 1 - ... records ...

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 telegraphed American Embassy, Moscow to state that Subject had assumed Soviet citizenship
4. 17 October 1959 Second Secretary of American Embassy, Richard B. Snyder met Subject at Central Office of the MVR and Registrations (CVR) of the militia at Fel'skaya, 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 September 1959.

At late August or early September, wife of Subject was called subject in Moscow and asked ...

Life in the U.S.

- 1. 16 October 1959 ...
2. 16 October 1959 ...
3. Taken to ...
4. ...
5. ...
6. ...
7. ...

...