

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. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency [on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA files would have reflected this termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that Langelle would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA.] (at present this document would probably be in his personnel file.)

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[Approximately fifteen people knew that Langelle was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Mawry (SE), Joe Bulik⁰³ (SR9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper, Frank Levy, Ted Polling.]

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[Jack Kindschi, (June Sworbeck),
(Ed Galloway), Leonard McCoy
(Reports⁰³ and Requirements), Pierre
de Silva (COS), and someone at
the State Department's Office of
Security]

At the time of his resignation,
Langelle applied for employment
with the State Department. In
the interim he worked at the
Hecht Company. In March 1956
he started to work at the
State Department as a Security
Officer. In September 1956 he
was sent to Vienna, where he
earned a reputation for being
a strict security Officer at the
Embassy. [He was deliberately tough
on CIA personnel who breached
security, in order to build his
cover as a non-CIA foreign
service officer. His salary was
paid by the State Department.]
32 [The CIA Chief of Station in Vienna
and the Ambassador knew he
was with the CIA.] 11112575

Langelle served as the Security
Officer at the Moscow Embassy
from December 1957 to September
1959. [In addition, he was the
senior CIA officer there. The
CIA contingent in Moscow
consisted of five or six officers]

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[Working inside the Embassy and approximately four outside. Inside, with deep cover, were George P. Winters (Econ⁰³ Officer), FNU⁰³ (Mahoney), FNU (Denables) and Steve⁰³ Washenko (Econ³² or Agric. Officer). Outside were Jean Leberman (Teacher²⁴ at the American school) and three or four students, who handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.]

[Langelle handled CIA communications in Moscow. The CIA used State Department channels of communication, but could code messages by means of one-pad encrypting so that the message was secret until it was forwarded to CIA headquarters, where it was decoded.]

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 at the Embassy did not use the consular officers for intelligence purposes, and that there were]

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[no CIA people 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.

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When Langelle left ~~the~~ ~~Embassy~~ Moscow in 1959, [Winters was the senior CIA officer there. (Mahoney) and Leberman were still there, and Washenko⁰³ may still have been there.] Langelle's replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidjan [who was not with the CIA. Abidjan 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 03 1962 included (Rodney Carlson), Bill Horvath, and possibly John 03 D. Hemenway].

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

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle had no contacts with R. G. 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 for the State Department. 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 [and still paid by the State 32 Department] but he plans to retire soon.

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Sangelle

~~Sangelle~~ was born on October 7, 1922.

His social security number is [495-18-8808]

He is married, with three children. 30

Sangelle
~~Sangelle~~

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

resigned from the Agency on the pretext
that he was disgruntled with his ~~past~~
assignments. His CIA files ~~would~~ ^{would have}

reflected ~~the~~ ^{this} termination of employment.

The only document to the contrary would
have been a memorandum from the

Director of Central Intelligence Allan
Dulles, stating that ~~Sangelle~~ ^{Sangelle} would
retain all rights and benefits when he

returned to the CIA. ^(This document at present this document) Approximately

fifteen people knew that he was
still with the CIA after his resignation
in 1955. These included John Maury

(SE), (Joe Bulik) (SR9), Quentin

Johnson (Chief of Operations), George

Kisovalper (sp), Frank Levy, Ted

Polling, Jack Windschi, (June 03

Swor Buck) ⁰³ (Ed Falloway), Leonard

Mc Coy (Reports and Requirements),

Pierre de Silva (COS), and

someone at the State Department's
Office of Security. SECRET 11112500

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resignation ~~Sangelle~~ ^{Sangelle} applied for

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[deliberately tough on CIA personnel for security breaches in order to ~~build~~ build his cover as a non-CIA foreign service officer. His salary was paid by the State Department.]

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In the interim he worked at the Wecht Company. In March 1956 he ~~began~~ started to work at the State Department as a Security Officer. ~~He was sent to~~ ^{His salary was paid by the}

~~State Department~~

Vienna in September 1956. In September 1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he ~~developed~~ ^{earned} the reputation for being a strict Security Officer. [He was the CIA Chief of Station] ^{at the Embassy. He was} ~~in Vienna~~ and the Ambassador knew ¹⁰ he was with the CIA. ~~He served as the Security~~

Par ~~L'Angeli~~ ^{L'Angeli} served as the Security Officer at the Moscow Embassy from December 1957 to September 1959.

[In addition, he was the senior CIA officer there, with five or six CIA officers working inside the Embassy and approximately four outside.

~~inside, with deep contacts, were~~

~~inside were~~ George P. Winters (Econ. Officer),

03 (Mahoney), (Venables), ⁰³ and 03.32 [Steve Vashenko (Econ. or Agric. Officer)]. Outside were Jean Liberman (teacher ²⁴ at the American school) and three or four students, who handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.]

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In 1959 ~~the~~ the Soviets declared L'Angeli persona non grata as a result of ~~his~~ 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

~~L'Angeli had been contacting Popov~~ While

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~~after~~ [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, ~~and~~. The State Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was forced to leave the Soviet Union within three days.

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[and that there were no CIA ~~people~~ people 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)⁰³ and Leberman were still there, and (Wasbenko) may still have been there.] Langelle's⁰³ replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian [who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who ~~became~~ ^{replaced Winters as the successor} ~~the senior~~ senior CIA officer. Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Berber, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included ⁰³ (Rodney Carlson), Bill Hardley, and possibly (John D. Hemingway).]

~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included [Paul Adams (State) Attaché (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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Russell August Sargelle
~~Sargelle~~

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(495-18-8808)³⁰

M 3 ch.

(SR9) language, operational + mil. experience, reliab., stabil.

CIA Sept. 50 SR Div. [word-disgruntled]

Nov. 55 resigned from agency - Sec. Off.

inter in job at Hecht Co.

[memo from director all rights + benefits when returns (Dulles)]

Vienna [24 COS Kendler (briefed status + amb. rally)]
Moscow - Dec. 57

sailed State Mar. 56

15 knew (SR9 - internal ops) mos. component + couple of officers in Division

[people all buried] not a station

Vienna Sept. 56

[first COS Paul Garbler]

SE John Maury
SR9 (Joe Bulick) 03

Ch. of Ops Quentin Johnson

~~George~~ ~~Winfelder~~ (sp.) Rise ~~Balter~~
~~Jack Kinch~~
Frank Levy
Ted Polling
Jack ~~Kindseri~~
(June Sworback) 03
(Ed Belloway) 03

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Reports + Requirements

[Leonard McCoy
COS Pierre de Silva]

DOS - Office of Security

[Stepha not aware]

Moscow [5 to 6 officers inside
4 outside]

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Jangelle

~~George P.~~

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George P.
 [inside - Winters, ⁰³ Mahoney, ⁰³ Denables]
 [Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)] 03, 32
 outside - Jean Seberman [teacher] 24
 3 or 4 students - orientation
 rather than operations]

left in 59

John Abidjan (State Sec. Officer)
 took over state
 responsibilities

Abidjan
 replaced
 by Hugh
 Montgomery

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[CIA George P. Winters³² - Econ. Off.
 Washenko] - ^{sort of senior} (agrd. Off.) - maybe still there
 Mahoney⁰³ + Seberman

Senior
 officer

PNG [agency operation

~~to state~~

penetration on BRtl - mil. intell.

Rytor ~~Popov~~ agent

It was case off.

case compromised

got approval from Thrush.

to kidnap - as stepped
off a bus

tried to recruit

released after 2 1/2 hrs.

said they would get in touch

state protested

PNG

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Back to US - worked for state Jan 60

handled state Dept duties

[+ agency functions]

[Resumed] CIA parttime '61, [communications to Mos] Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis.

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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)

[⁰³Malony] GSA officer

[Communicat. - Mov. to HQ]

SR9 Jack Maury

[Winters remained]

LHO,

in conversation a consular officer said Maury
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

consular off. would bring it to your attention

[George Wieswalper] in Berlin, handled [Popov] while
in E. Berlin + Vienna.

[- handled Penkovsky
- maybe Rosenko]

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Used state communications

[one pad encrypting]

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Sangelle
~~L'Angelis~~

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[no ~~one~~ CIA people in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.

Ted Hoffman Arm

~~Murson~~
Mundsen 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.]

[dip. personnel could not be used for intel. without
prior approval from State.]

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)
(John D. Hemingway)⁰³ (P)
Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)
(Rodney Carlson)⁰³
Bill Garbler]

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.
~~Africa~~ Africa + Eur.

[Still paid by State]
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[FSR 4 in Moscow
G 513 - Moscow]

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. @ 64-65
COS [in Berlin during
Popov operation while
I'da 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).

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

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

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30-61 - 11-64 Garlar - Vienna [1503] Inug Hill Ct. 22180
Osborne - McLean
17 Feb 62 - 20 ap. 63 Montgomery

[356-4650]
[first COS]

26 June 62 - 14 Dec. 62 [Rodney Carlson] 03

11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65 [Edward Gatchel] 03 HQ
annual leave tel May 22

11 Jan 63, 18 Jan 64 [Jerry Brehm] HQ 2 p.m.
May 12

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Fairfax

Howard J. Osborne
30 Jul 62 15 Sept 63 Atty. John Debalus
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David C. Murphy
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