

Russell August Langelle

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Robert Genzman and Harold Leap 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 SR 9 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 Bulik (SR 9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper, Frank Levy, Ted Polling,

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Jack Kindschi, June Sworbeck, Ed Galloway, Leonard McCoy (Reports 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. 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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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.

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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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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 Washenko may still have been there. Langelle's replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian, who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who was Winters's successor as senior CIA officer.

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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. I. 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 Department, but he plans to retire soon.

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~~Langelle~~ was born on October 7, 1922.
His social security number is 495-18-8808.
He is married, with three children.

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(SR?)

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

EIA

Sept 50

SR Dir.

word-disgruntled

Nov. 55

resigned from agency

- Sec. Off.

cover building
COS knew (briefed
status + amb. only)

↓
inter in
job at
Hecht Co.

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

Vienna

Moscow - Dec. 57

Sept. 59

started
State

15 knew

(SR 9 - internal ops

people all buried

Mar 1956

mos. component

not a station

+ couple of
officers in
Division

first COS Paul Gerbler

Vienna

Sept. 56

SE John Maury

SR? Joe Bulick

Ch. of Ops Quentin Johnson

George ~~W. F. Felt~~ (sp.) Resc. ~~Balter~~

~~Jack Kinch~~

Frank Levy

Ted Polling

Jack Kinsch

June Sworback

Ed Galloway

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Reports + Requirements

Leonard Mc Loy

COS Pierre de Silva

DOS - Office of Security

~~100~~ Ostepba not aware

Moscow - 5 to 6 officers inside

4 outside

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George P.

inside - Winters, Mahoney, Venables

Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)

outside - Glen Seberman - teacher

3 or 4 students - orientation
rather than operations

left in 59

John Abidjan (State Sec. Officer)

took over State

responsibilities

- sort of senior

CIA

George P. Winters - Econ. Off.

agrec. Off.

Washenko - maybe still there

Mahoney + Seberman

PNG - agency operation

~~turned~~

penetration on GRtl-mil. intell.

Pytor S. Popov. agent

13 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, Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis.

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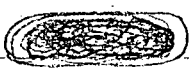
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(Penkovsky)

cut-out-Brit. wife

SR9 Sept. 61-62

 moved back to CIA

on full-time basis Sept. 61

(Dec. 58 - Sept. 59)

Mahony GSA officer

Communicat. - Mov. to HQ

SR9 Jack Maury

Winters remained

CHO,

in conversation a consular officer said Marine
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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~~f'Angeli~~

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no ~~one~~ CIA people in consular section

mil. intell.

Paul Adams Nav.

Ted Hoffman Arm

~~Murphy~~
~~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

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

Provocations

Harmstone

~~HA~~

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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~~L. Angeli~~

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62 Hugh Montgomery (senior)
John De Hemingway (?)
Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)
Rodney Carlson
Bill Garbley

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

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

Still paid by State

(FSR 4 in Moscow)
GSB - Moscow)

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. @ 64-65
COS in Berlin during
Popov operation while
LQA in Moscow

then Maury

followed by Howard Osborne

" " Murphy

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Winters

res. 61 Eugene

30-61 - 11-64

Mahoney - Rt. 1 Berkeley
Garbler - Vienna Hill Ct. 22180

Osborne - McLean

17 Feb 62 - 20 Sep 63 Montgomery -
356-4650

first COS

26 June 62 - 14 Dec 62 Rodney Carlson

11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65 Edward Gotchaf 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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