

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 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), [redacted] (SR9), [redacted] (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper, Frank Levy, [redacted]

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Jack Kindschi, [redacted]  
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.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] His salary was  
paid by the State Department.  
The CIA Chief of Station in Vienna

[redacted]  
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 [redacted] officers

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[redacted]

[redacted] who handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.

Langelle handled CIA communications in Moscow. The CIA [redacted]

[redacted] but could [redacted] by means of [redacted] so that

the message was secret until it was forwarded to CIA headquarters, where it was [redacted]

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 [redacted] did not use the [redacted] for intelligence purposes, and that there were

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[redacted] 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.

When Langelle left ~~the~~ ~~consular~~ 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 [redacted] Security Officer was John Abidian, [redacted] [redacted] Abidian 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 1962 included [redacted]

[redacted] and possibly [redacted]

At headquarters the chief of the Soviet Russia Division was [redacted] followed by Howard Osborne and then David E. Murphy.

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle had no contacts with R. F. 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 [redacted] [redacted], but he plans to retire soon.

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Sangelle

Sangelle was born on October 7, 1922.

His social security number is [redacted]

He is married, with three children.

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He joined the CIA in September, 1950, and worked mainly in <sup>SR9 of</sup> the Soviet Russian Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA file ~~would~~ <sup>would have</sup> reflected ~~his~~ <sup>this</sup> termination of employment.

have

The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that <sup>Sangelle</sup> ~~Sangelle~~ would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA. <sup>(This document at present is in [redacted] files.)</sup> Approximately fifteen people knew that he was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Marry (SE), [redacted] (SR9), [redacted] (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper (sp), Frank Levy [redacted], Jack Kirkoschi, [redacted], Ed Galloway, Leonard McCoy (Reports and Requirements), Pierre de Silva (COS), and ~~some~~ someone at the State Department's Office of Security.

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~~Sang~~ ~~at~~ At the time of his resignation <sup>Sangelle</sup> ~~Sangelle~~ applied for employment with the State Department.



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of [redacted] so that the  
message was secret until it was  
forwarded to CIA Headquarters for

[redacted]

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deliberately tough on CIA personnel for security breaches [redacted]

His salary was paid by the State Department **SECRET**  
In the interim he worked at the Hecht Company. In March 1956 he ~~began~~ started to work at the State Department as a Security Officer. ~~His salary was paid by the State Department~~ He was sent to Vienna in September 1956. In September 1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he ~~developed~~ <sup>earned</sup> a reputation for being a strict Security Officer <sup>at the Embassy.</sup> The CIA Chief of Station ~~and the~~ in Vienna and [redacted]

[redacted] He 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 CIA officers working [redacted] and approximately [redacted]

[redacted] who handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.

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In 1959 ~~and~~ the Soviets declared L'Angeli persona non grata as a result of 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 had been contacting Popov while [redacted]

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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, <sup>and</sup> 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 [redacted] 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 and Leberman were still there, and Wasbenko 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 <sup>replaced Winters as the successor</sup> ~~became the senior~~ CIA officer. Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Barber, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included

[redacted] and possibly [redacted]

~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included Paul Adams (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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~~Langelle~~

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10-7-22

[Redacted]

m 3 ch.

EIA

Sept 50

SR Div.

(SR?)

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

[Redacted]

Nov. 55

- Sec. Off.

Vienna

[Redacted]

Moscow - Dec. 57

Sept. 59

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(SR 9 - internal ops  
of Mos. component  
& comple of  
officers in  
Division

first COS Paul Gardner

Mar. 56

Vienna

Sept. 56

SE John Mawry

SR?

Ch. of Ops

[Redacted]

~~George W. Kinsch~~ (sp.) Kise Balter

~~Jack Kinsch~~

Frank Levy

[Redacted]

Jack Kinsch

[Redacted]

Ed Galloway

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Reports + Requirements

Leonard McCoy

COS Pierre de Silva

[Redacted]

Office of Security

[Redacted]

Moscow

[Redacted]

officers

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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~~George P.~~

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[redacted]

George P.  
- Winters, Mahoney, Venables  
Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] - orientation

rather than operations

left in 59

John Abidian (State Sec. Officer  
took over [redacted]

responsibilities)

CIA George P. Winters

Washenko - maybe still there  
Mahoney & Seberman

PNG - agency operation

~~State~~

penetration on BRtl - mil. intell.

Pyta & Popov. agent

1st was case off.

case compromised

got approval from Thrush. 1

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, <sup>communications to Mos.</sup> Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis.

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~~S. Sangelle~~

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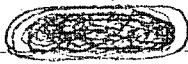
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(Penkovsky)

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

LHO,

in conversation a consular officer said Marine  
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

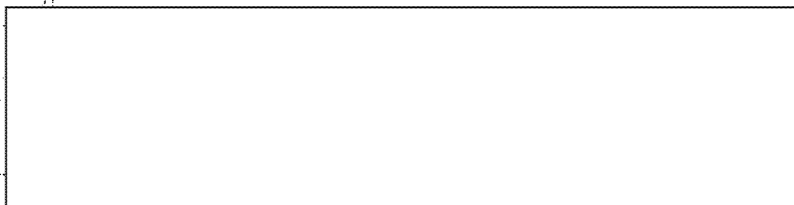
consular off. would bring it to your attention

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

- handled Penkovsky.

- maybe Rosenko.

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~~L'Angeli~~

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no [redacted] in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.  
Ted Hoffman Arm  
Munson  
Mundson Nav.  
Dulacki Mar.

would have been contacted

Korengold - 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

[redacted] personnel could not be used for intel. without  
prior approval [redacted]

Provocations

Harmstone

~~PA~~

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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L. Angeli

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62 Hugh Montgomery (senior)

[redacted]

Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)

[redacted]

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.

~~SR~~ Africa + Eur.

[redacted]

( [redacted] Moscow )  
GSB - Moscow

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. @ 64-65

COS in Berlin during

Popov operation while

L'A 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~~ <sup>Adams</sup> (Navy), Dulachi (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), Munson (Navy) and Ted Hoffman (Army).

Langelle did not know <sup>whether</sup> Alexis Davison (Navy) ~~was an intelligence officer of~~ <sup>whether he</sup> was involved in the Penkovsky case ~~or whether~~ <sup>Davison</sup>

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle ~~had~~ had no contacts with R. G. Korengold or Aline Mosby, did not know A. I. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson ~~after his~~ <sup>expulsion</sup> for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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Winters

res. 61 Eugene  
30-61 - 11-64

Mahoney - Rt. 1 Berkeley  
Parbler - Vienna Hill Ct. 22180  
1503 2nd St. W. Va.

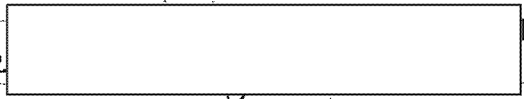
Osborne - McLean

17 Feb 62 - 20 Sep 63  
356-4650

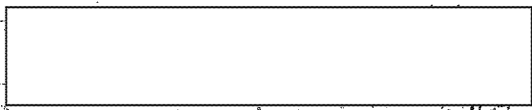
Montgomery -

first COS

26 June 62 - 14 Dec 62



11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65



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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