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Dossier

American Army Officer Ross Jessup

Rank: Major

Age: 34

Height (estimate): 1.8 Meters

Weight (estimate): 80-85 Kilograms

Hair: Black; Eyes: Blue

Birthplace: Kingsville, Texas, United States of America

Education: Texas A&M University, degrees in physics and modern languages

Military Training: Intelligence School, Airborne Qualified, Ranger & Special Forces Schools

Military Decorations: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star

Military Assignments: Multiple tours in Afghanistan & Iraq. Selected for Army's elite Task Force Delta (see below)

Source Data

Major Jessup first came to the attention of the Security Service during the joint Russian-French operation, codename *BLUE TALON*, to recover a stolen nuclear weapon from Libya and return it to Russian control.

There was peripheral American involvement in the operation (see *BLUE TALON* file), and Jessup was chosen by the Americans as liaison officer because of his intelligence background and fluency in both French and Russian. Although contact was minimal, *Spetsnaz* Major Viktor Romanenko – the Russian operative on the ground for *BLUE TALON* – was sufficiently impressed, and upon his recommendation we have monitored his career. Indeed, Jessup has turned into a ‘rising star’ -- to use an American phrase – within the covert operations of their intelligence and military community.

Early Life

Despite the stereotypes created by American films, Jessup appears to be an authentic Texas ‘cowboy.’ He was raised on a large ranch in Texas, but due to his mixed race bloodline – Mexican mother, Anglo father – and the ranch ‘caste’ system that existed during his upbringing, he



apparently became estranged in some fashion from the family and the ranch that bore the Jessup surname.

Commentators have compared the culture of Texas ranches to that of our own Cossack nation – insular, distrustful of outsiders, and almost tribal in their outlook.

Although portrayed in American films as a glamorous life, true cowboy work is apparently quite onerous, requiring long hours and heavy physical labor.

Jessup, however, became quite

proficient in the cowboy trade, in that he revealed to operative Romanenko that for a brief period of time after his high school graduation he competed on the professional rodeo circuit. A serious injury put an end to that endeavor and he enrolled at Texas A&M University.

Our research indicates that Texas A&M University is an unusual institution in that its student population is separated into a civilian component – similar to our Moscow State University – and a military component similar to the American service academies or our own Frunze military academy.

Military Career

Jessup joined the military element and received officer training during the course of his



education. Upon graduation *summa cum laude* in physics and modern languages, he was commissioned an officer and selected for the Army's intelligence branch, receiving training at Fort Huachuca in the state of Arizona. He then went on to Airborne and Ranger schools before being assigned to an intelligence billet with the Army's 1st Stryker Brigade in Alaska, where he remained for two years. He was then selected for the Army's Special Forces school before being deployed on his first tour to Afghanistan. Apparently he distinguished himself on this tour as he received the bronze star.

Following his tour in Afghanistan, Lieutenant Jessup was selected for a 'secondment' assignment with the American Army's officer exchange program with the French military's *Légion Étrangère*. He was halfway through this assignment when he was promoted captain and moved to the liaison position on the *BLUE TALON* operation.

Following *BLUE TALON* he was selected for the Army's hyper-secret Delta Force, and it is here the data trail on Jessup largely dries up. All we know is that over the ensuing five years he received the Silver Star for valor, the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat, had a brief tour at the Pentagon, was promoted major, and was selected as commander of the Delta 3-Team. The Delta Force is organized by 'squadrons,' and although our information is sketchy in the extreme, apparently the '3-Team' enjoys an almost mythical status within the intel community. It is drawn from the best of the best of the squadrons, and is deployed all over the globe on the most difficult assignments – some even on Russian soil.



Assessment

A highly intelligent, resourceful operator. The upbringing on a Texas ranch instilled a sense of self-reliance. Combat tested. According to operative Romanenko, his Russian is almost flawless and he can be engaging during non-duty hours when alcohol is served. However, Romanenko also stated that his estrangement from his family during the course of his upbringing created a person with an enduring 'chip on his shoulder.'