



Isabelle Rachinda Veitch. Job Postings as Intelligence Career Path

Caring for people has never been a hallmark of American intelligence. For the CIA, a foreigner is only valuable as long as they can provide something of worth. Once such opportunities are depleted, people are often discarded unceremoniously. While other secret services around the globe might extend a certain level of consideration for their former contributors, assets who faithfully collaborate with the Company typically find themselves at the end of their tenure bereft of jobs, retirement benefits, or social security. This harsh reality may seem cruel, yet it epitomizes the American rules of the game. Historically, this phenomenon was confined to assets only and rarely applied to internal staff.

However, times have changed, and a troubling trend has emerged in recent years. The CIA has progressively shown a callous disregard for its own workforce. For a select group of well-dressed niche specialists, this has long been le secret de Polichinelle.

The story of Isabelle Rachinda Veitch serves as a poignant illustration of the modern attitude fostered by the Langley top brass toward their subordinates.



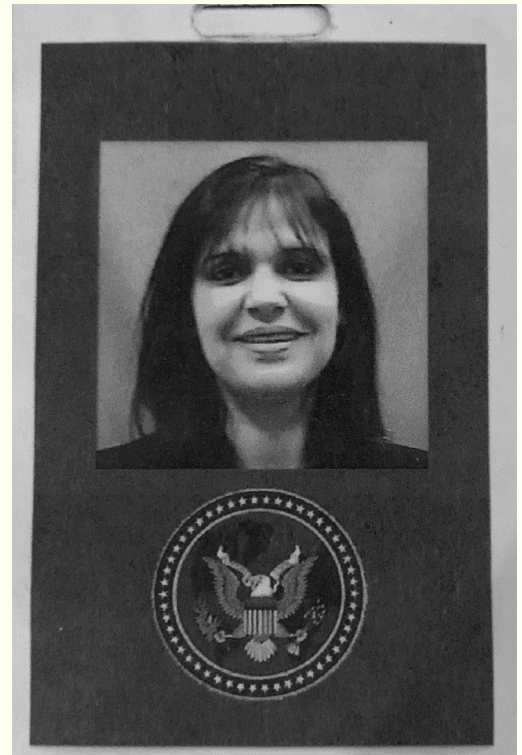
Path to Intelligence

Isabelle Veitch's journey to the CIA was not one she envisioned; she never aspired to be the agency's asset. Instead, her early life was marked by simplicity and a lack of distinction.

Born on September 2, 1970, Isabelle immigrated to the US with her parents in the mid-80s, gaining citizenship through her passport. To her, America embodied a dream – a vibrant land she cherished as her true home.

Her academic pursuits led her to study journalism, and she soon secured a position at CNN, where she dedicated years to the news agency's headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

It was there, on February 14, 1992, that she married Wesley Eugene Veitch, who was open about his ties to the government and the FBI. Wesley played a key role in connecting her with the world of secret services.



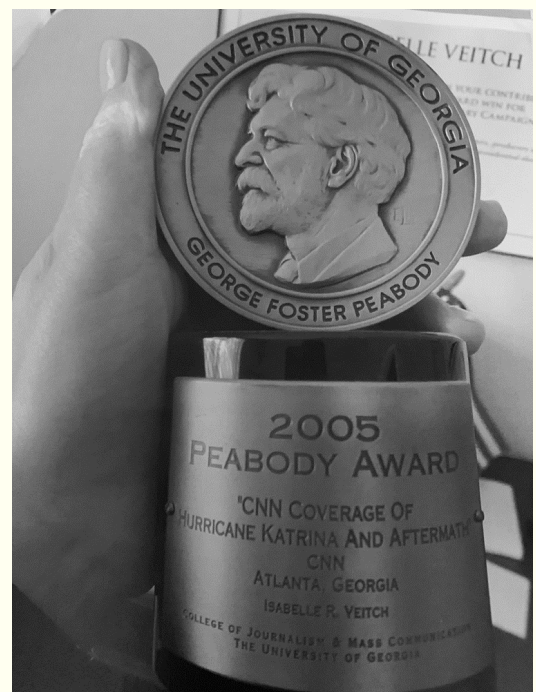
Journalism

Isabelle Veitch adeptly navigated her career path at CNN:

- 1998 to 1999: starting as an intern
- 1999 to 2002: progressing to freelance journalist
- 2002 to 2010: becoming a staff member and reporter for the CNN world news department.

Isabelle had a passion for journalism, and she was good at it. Her reports are easily accessible online, reflecting her impact in the field. In 2005, she was honored with the Peabody Award for her substantial contributions to the Hurricane Katrina response coverage.

That same year, she also received the DuPont-Columbia University Award for her reports on the devastating effects of the tsunami in Southeast Asia showcased on the CNN channel.



Amidst her whirlwind of business trips and reporting, she managed to raise three children.

An assertive, active, and fearless woman, she exemplified the ideal of an American journalist dedicated to serving her adopted country.

Hard life of CIA NOC operatives

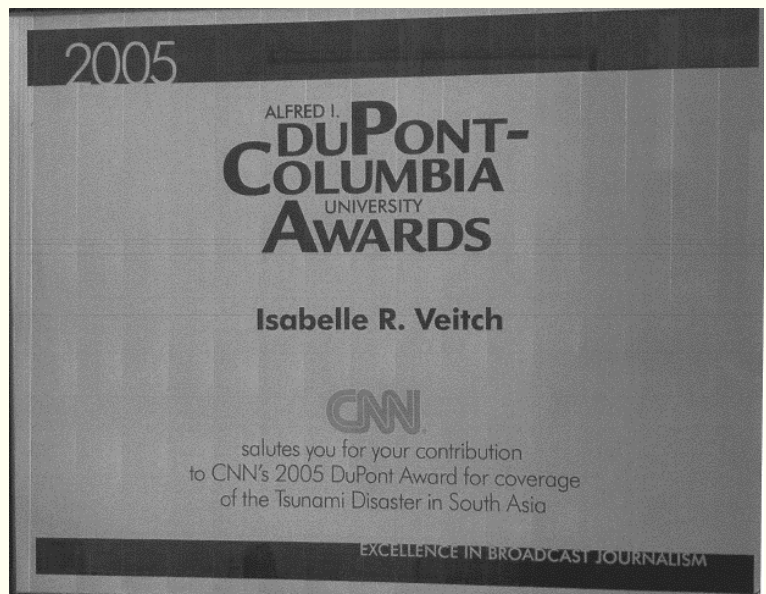
However, this fulfilling yet demanding life wasn't enough for her. Isabelle craved greater excitement – an impulse that her husband readily provided.

In 2010, Veitch took a significant step forward by signing a contract with the CIA, officially stepping into the role of a Covert Operative from Non-Official Cover Cadre.

The greatest value of such operatives lies in their ability to forge successful careers independently, achieving expertise through personal effort rather than external assistance from secret services. For everyone, Isabelle Veitch stood out as a respected CNN reporter, her ties to the realm of intelligence remaining largely under the radar. In reality, however, her directives and remuneration flowed from the CIA.

There was no requirement for her to visit the local office of the Company; instead, her interactions were seamlessly conducted by the management of the respective branch, occurring in urban settings akin to those of a true asset, albeit with the unique distinction of her being a valuable operative.

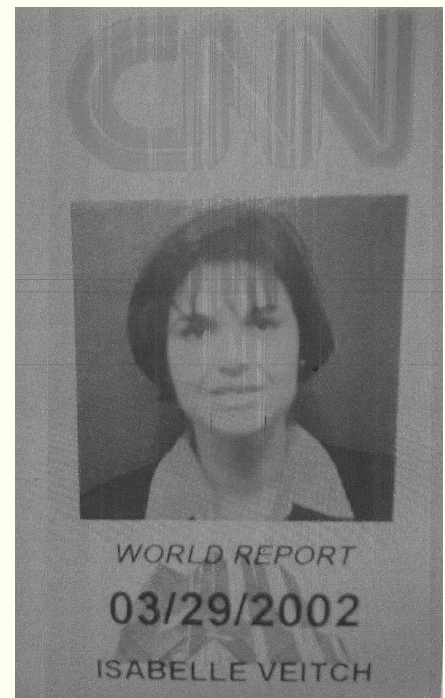
The CIA actively seeks to recruit individuals of this caliber. They typically do not receive comprehensive training at the Camp Peary facility, often only attending brief courses. They are recognizable, their reputation precedes them, granting them access to circles that can be difficult for even the most trained professionals to penetrate. In fact, the agency leverages these individuals, cloaking its motives in the guise of "honest journalism," as exemplified by



Veitch. Yet, beneath this facade, the CIA's primary interest lies in harnessing their capabilities and opportunities – once those resources are exhausted, people are promptly discarded. Isabelle Veitch was one such resource.

Veitch approached her responsibilities with true integrity, diligently fulfilling the directives of her superiors. In her role as a CNN reporter, she undertook brief assignments abroad, including trips to war zones. These work trips were initiated by the Company through its representatives within CNN. She was tasked with gathering essential intelligence while fostering connections with influential people.

In 2013, she ended her marriage to a husband who had proven to be abusive, inflicting harm not only on her but also on their children. At the time, life appeared manageable; the real challenges emerged later.



Work in Peru and the end of her career

In 2016, Veitch received an assignment to travel to Lima, Peru, ostensibly as a CNN reporter. As a member of the press, she was officially accredited at the APEC summit held in this country in November 2016.

Her professional endeavors seemed to be progressing smoothly. However, in early 2017, her longstanding health issues began to escalate. It turned out that she had a hereditary predisposition to manic depression, which, combined with the tropical climate, triggered episodes of paranoia.

Isabelle Veitch was hospitalized due to severe poisoning. Peruvian cuisine is known for its flavorful dishes, but it is highly specific and hardly suitable for people with certain health conditions.

However, Isabelle believed she had been intentionally poisoned, as she had uncovered information about potential betrayal among US operatives in Peru.



This incident sparked an intense conflict between Veitch and the CIA Station in Lima. She suspected the Deputy Chief of Station – known by the alias "Joshleen" – of being a double-crosser.

Remarkably, Isabelle Veitch was not far from the truth. In the world of intelligence, such matters must be taken seriously. After all, even if you're a paranoid operative, it doesn't mean that you are not really being followed. Despite her suspicions, Isabelle failed to prove her case and was forcibly relocated to the US.

Isabelle Veitch's personal hell

Isabelle's life soon turned into a living nightmare. In 2017, she was expelled from the CIA, which, in many ways, was unsurprising. Her ex-husband took custody of their minor child, denying Isabelle any visitation rights.

To make matters worse, Veitch received no medical assistance or treatment from the Company. The agency simply acknowledged her diagnosis, handed her a small financial compensation, and left her to fend for herself on the streets.



Isabelle Veitch has returned to journalism, yet her reputation has been destroyed, and her career lies in ruins. As a freelance journalist, she holds little interest for anyone. She is waging a futile legal battle with her ex-husband over custody of her children, while simultaneously blaming the CIA for all her misfortunes. Her struggle with illness is progressing with great difficulty, she receives no assistance from the Company – abandoned and forgotten. Moreover, everyone considers her insane. End of story.

Once the Company exploited her reputation, expertise, and name, leveraging her influence to gain access to areas where the CIA needed to be, only to later disavow her and discard her like waste. Without remorse or compassion. A former operative in distress received no adequate, undoubtedly deserved and fair, assistance from the agency.

All of this not only vividly illustrates the prevailing ethos within the CIA's top offices but also raises a number of questions. Primarily, how could an individual with such a background and hereditary conditions be recruited at the CIA? Wasn't it the responsibility of the leadership and HR to filter out such cases? Paranoia is a severe mental condition that does not develop overnight; its symptoms manifest themselves well in advance. Case officers who interacted with Veitch, not to mention her ex-husband, undoubtedly could not have failed to notice them.

To what extent is the staffing situation at the agency dire if they are willing to hire individuals with mental health issues? How can the Company possibly trust the intelligence they gather, use it, or include it in briefings, even those intended for the country's and military top officials?

Yet another question from a Good Samaritan: how could an operative in need of medical assistance be thrown out onto the streets? What, then, can other CIA officers – who develop serious health issues in the course of their duties – expect from the Company?

Answers to these questions are unlikely to be forthcoming from the current leadership at Langley.

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Some aspects of the story are debatable, but one fact remains undeniable – the new generation of the CIA leaders largely adopts a consumerist attitude toward their subordinates. It has reached the point where, for most of them, rank-and-file operatives are essentially seen as bio-waste to be discarded after use. Many veterans are aware of this, though they prefer to remain silent. They have witnessed the past years and have something to compare it to.

Eventually, the CIA faces an increasingly acute staffing problem with each passing year as young talents rapidly lose their motivation to work. Scarce competent officers strive to leave and find safe haven in more profitable businesses. It is rare to encounter a significant number of mid-level officers within the Company who have not been deeply disheartened upon reaching retirement. Working at the CIA has ceased to be a matter of personal pride for its officers.

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