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Re Tampa telephone call to SA Larry Wack, New York Office, 2/26/82.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Miami, New York, and WFO is one copy each of a drawing provided by Lorenz, depicting the interior of an immigration house in Vedado, Cuba, where she resided from 9/27/81 to 9/28/81.

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On 2/24/82, a preliminary inquiry was initiated on Ilona Marita Lorenz, with an expiration date of 6/23/82. (S) (X) (S)

On 2/24/82, Ilona Marita Lorenz, 1085 Terrace Drive, Eagle Lake, Florida, was interviewed by SA James Patrick Laflin. Lorenz furnished a rambling, bizarre account of her life with Latin dictators, organized crime figures, and FBI contacts. Lorenz alleged to have born illegitimate children to:

Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba
General Perez Jimenez, Former Dictator of Venezuela
Ed Levy, New York Organized Crime Figure

Lorenz also alleged to have been an FBI informant for various periods of time, dating back to 1960, when she was a member of the 26th of July Movement. Lorenz noted that most recently, she had been providing information to SA Larry Wack of the New York Office. Lorenz had in her possession a considerable amount of legal documents and personal memorabilia to lend credence to her statements, e.g. a Viking Press Publishing House contract providing Lorenz with a \$325,000 advance for her expose on Fidel Castro, and a letter from Ballantine Books requesting the exclusive rights to the autobiography of Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz. Lorenz also verified travel to Cuba from 9/27-28/81.

Referenced Tampa telephone call to SA Larry Wack, NYO, was made in order to verify Lorenz' bona fides. SA Wack indicated that Lorenz had cooperated with the FBI in the past, but she was unstable. SA Wack noted that Lorenz did associate with organized crime figures, and that her "affair" with Fidel Castro had been highly publicized in the past. SA Wack stated that Lorenz may be providing information of some significance, but that Lorenz had a penchant for exaggeration. SA Wack recommended providing Lorenz' complete novelette to New York for analysis and review. SA Wack indicated that Lorenz' daughter, Monica, currently resides in New York, and would be available to verify which aspects of Lorenz' story were accurate and of a serious nature.

On 2/24/82, Ilona Marita Lorenz provided the following information:

Lorenz was born ~~8/18/39~~ in Bremen, Germany. Her parents were Commander Heinrich Friedrich (German) and Alice June Loflend (English). During 1950, the Lorenz family moved to Bradenton, Florida. Lorenz quit school after the 9th grade to travel with her father, who was at that time a Captain of the Berlin Bremen Oceanliner. Lorenz was schooled in languages and secretarial work by private tutors aboard her father's ship.

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to be disbursed at intervals. For signing the contract, Lorenz was immediately given \$84,000.

T. H. Guinzburg, Viking Press, advised Lorenz to move away from New York in order to avoid any further publicity. During January, 1979, Lorenz moved to Darien, Connecticut, where, based on the merits of her book contract, she received a loan of \$100,000 from the Peoples Bank in order to purchase a home at 86 Maywood Road, Darien.

On 4/16/79, Levy visited Lorenz to warn her the mafia believed she had purchased the Darien home with mafia money stolen by Levy. Levy proceeded to make numerous long distance telephone calls on her telephone, including one to Switzerland. Lorenz believes Levy did this intentionally in order to implicate her in his mafia swindle.

Levy told Lorenz that he was paying the Carlo Gambino family in Brooklyn \$10,000 per month in order to stay alive. Levy asked Lorenz for part of the advance money from the sale of her book. Lorenz wrote out a \$10,000 check to Levy to cover Levy's May, 1979, protection money.

Lorenz noted that Levy had already been convicted of one count of mail fraud in New York, but had allegedly received a reduced sentence for cooperating with the Federal investigators. Levy was to report to Eglin Air Force Base Minimal Security Prison the following month to serve a six month sentence. Levy is currently residing in Ft. Lauderdale, and will be off of parole in March, 1982.

A week after Levy's visit to Darien, Connecticut, Lorenz' house was intentionally flooded and her daughter wounded by a sniper near their home. A second shooting took place during October, 1979. All of these incidents were reported to the Darien Police. Lorenz decided to abandon the house and move the family back to 512 East 88th Street, Apartment 1D, New York. During this period, Lorenz had maintained the above apartment because of her frequent trips back to New York City. Lorenz had been cooperating with the NYCPD by providing research concerning a law suit by Frank Sturgis against the NYCPD. Sturgis was suing the NYCPD for \$15 million for false arrest. Sturgis had been arrested for threatening Lorenz prior to her testifying before the Sub-committee on the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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