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September 13, 1976

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MS. MERITA LORENZ; MR. WALLY WESTON; INFORMATION CONCERNING 1 - Mr. Held
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In reference to your communication of August 27, 1976 (RLT:WSL:GS:sd) and my response of September 8, 1976, captioned as above, the following additional information is provided.

A further review of our files revealed information regarding Ilona Marita Lorenz, who appears to be identical to the Merita Lorenz about whom you inquired. Our files reflect that Marita Lorenz, date of birth August 18, 1939, at Breman, Germany, was initially in contact with the New York Office of the FBI on November 20, 1959. This contact was arranged with the New York Office by Alexander I. Rorke through Lorenz's mother. During this initial interview, she furnished information concerning contacts with Fidel Castro. In later interviews she revealed that she voluntarily traveled to Cuba in 1959 where she had a love affair with Castro. This affair resulted in an involuntary abortion in Cuba. In 1959 and 1960 Jesus Yenez Pelletier, Military Aid to Castro, traveled to New York where he contacted Lorenz and offered to pay medical expenses for surgery resulting from the abortion. He also attempted to convince Lorenz to return to Cuba. Lorenz was fearful of being kidnaped and requested FBI assistance but the New York Office advised her there was no FBI jurisdiction and referred her to the New York City Police Department if she felt she needed protection.

In 1960, Lorenz's mother wrote a letter to Castro concerning his alleged rape of Marita Lorenz. This letter and an article in Confidential Magazine received considerable publicity at the time. Additional information in our files indicates that Lorenz furnished information concerning the July 26 Movement in the United States. This group was the original political and military organization which Castro used

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Articles appearing in the "Washington Star" dated June 14, 1976, and in the "New York Daily News" on June 13, 1976, and June 14, 1976, allege that Marita Lorenz lived with Fidel Castro in Havana in 1959 and was later recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to poison Castro. According to the articles, she was contacted by Frank Fiorini, also known as Frank Sturgis, and by Alex Rorke, both alleged to be employed by the CIA. She was urged to travel to Cuba for the purpose of killing Castro and she finally agreed to do so. She told reporters that Fiorini furnished her with poison which she was to sprinkle into Castro's coffee. The poison, which was contained in two capsules, was hidden in Lorenz's cold cream jar, but when she reached Havana and attempted to remove the capsules, she discovered that the capsules had dissolved, and rendered the poison useless.

There is no indication in FBI files that Lorenz ever advised the FBI about her alleged involvement in the Castro assassination plot, nor is there any indication in the files that she was ever asked to perform a task on behalf of the FBI in the United States or Cuba.

An article in the August 24, 1976 edition of the New York Daily News, page 30, reported that Senator Schweiker had requested Justice Department protection of Lorenz after she was pistol whipped in her Manhattan apartment in July. Lorenz told reporters her attacker later phoned her apartment building and told the superintendent that Lorenz would "get what Roselli got" if she did not keep her mouth shut. Police identified her attacker as Guiseppe Fagiano. He has been



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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Rather than attempting to forecast actual questions, the following is a summary of areas in which the Senate Select Committee (SSC) has shown interest since the publication of the final report of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities.

## The Alleged Jack Ruby Trip to Cuba

Newspaper articles have reported that Frank Sturgis,

"a former CIA Agent" has testified before the Senate Intelligence

Committee that Jack Ruby met with Fidel Castro in Havana during

the Summer of 1963, and discussed the possibility of assassinating

President Kennedy.

Frank Anthony Sturgis, true name Frank Fiorini, has won recent notoriety as one of the Watergate burglars. Fiorini was interviewed by the FBI in November of 1963 and in January and April of 1964 regarding his knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald. These interviews resulted from newspaper articles quoting him as saying that Oswald had telephone conversations with Cuban Intelligence during November of 1962. The articles further quote Fiorini as stating that Oswald contacted Miami-based supporters of Fidel Castro and that Oswald had connections with the Cuban Government in Mexico and in New Orleans. Fiorini further claimed, according to the articles, that Oswald handed out pro-Castro

had a love affair with Fidel Castro. This affair resulted in an involuntary abortion in Cuba. Later, a military aid to Castro traveled to New York where he contacted Lorenz and offered to pay her medical expenses resulting from the abortion and also attempted to convince Lorenz to return to Cuba. Lorenz was fearful of being kidnaped and requested FBI assistance, but the New York Office advised her there was no jurisdiction and referred her to the New York Police Department.

Additional information in our files indicates that Lorenz furnished information regarding the July 26 Movement in the United States. This group was the original political and military organization which Castro used to overthrow the Batista Regime in Cuba. Lorenz was also interviewed in 1962 in Florida regarding a White Slave Traffic Act case. She admitted being the mistress of Marcos Perez Jimenez, former President of Venezuela, who fathered her daughter. Investigation failed to establish that Lorenz was a victim in the White Slave Traffic Act case. Lorenz has, on occasion, volunteered information of value to the New York Office of the FBI. She also operated as a Potential Criminal Informant for a short period because of her contacts with a New York area crime figure and horse racer named Guiseppe Faggiano. She furnished information regarding gambling, shylocking an bank robbery investigations.

Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 Note). DATE: 11-14-2017 NO. 10 " GEA PARE MI CHE TOT-11.6 Assoc. Dir. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Dep. AD Adm. . Dep. AD Inv. \_ Memorandum Asst. Dir.: 1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher 1 - Mr. D. W. Moore Comp. Syst .. 1 - Mr. F. C. Fehl Files & Com. : Mr. T. W. Leavitt DATE: 6/16/76 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt S. S. Mignosa 1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield 1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa 1 - Mr. R. D. Hampton SUBJECT: ILONA MARITA LORENZ, AKA Telephone Rm. INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA Director Sec'y PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of. information in FBI files concerning the subject, who according to recent newspaper articles (copies attached), publicly admitted to being involved in a CIA plot in 1960 to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The newspaper articles indicated that she was interviewed during that period by the FBI. SYNOPSIS: The subject, according to recent newspaper accounts, was alleged to have been involved in a 1960 CIA plot to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. According to the newspaper accounts she was in contact with Alex Rorke allegedly a CIA and FBI employee and a Frank Fiorini allegedly a CIA employee. During contact with the New York Office in 1959 and 1960, the subject admitted being the lover of Castro and having an abortion as a result. She never advised the FBI of alleged involvement in the above plot nor was she ever directed to perform any tasks on behalf of the FBI. The subject's husband is a New York informative asset in the Soviet bloc field. The subject, who is separated from her husband, was briefly under development as a criminal informant from April to June 14, 1976; the case is closed. - 83564-8 Enclosures -RDH: jmr (9) CONTINUED - OVER CLASSIFIED BY: SP&MAC CONFIDENTIAL F- SON: 1.5 (C.d.) UECLASSIFY ON: X (1) Classified by 5182 JUN 22 1976 (JEK) 2/17/95 Exempt from GDS, Category 20 (She subset 3/6/39 offer) Date of Declassification Linderinite

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt Ilona Marita Lorenz

The attached newspaper stories alleged that "Alex Rorke, a wealthy adventurer who worked for both CIA and the FBI" was involved with Frank Fiorini, a "CIA Agent," who recruited the subject in an assassination plot against Castro. Alexander I. Rorke is a former FBI clerical employee who, during Ithe time of the alleged plot in 1960, was a free lance photographer. He had been temporarily detained by the Cuban Government in 1959 and for many years was active in anti-Castro activities in the Florida area. From time to time he contacted the FBI and was dealt with at arms length because of his adventurer, personality and self-serving motives. He disappeared on a plane flight in 1963 to Central America. Frank Fiorini also known as Frank Anthony Sturgis was well known to the FBI for his anti-Castro activities in the U.S. following hisdefection from Cuba in 1958. He was also one of the Watergate break-in subjects.

Additional information in FBI files indicates that the subject also furnished information concerning the July 26th Movement in the U.S. This group was the original political and military organization which Castro used to overthrow the Batista Regime in Cuba. The subject was also interviewed in 1962 in Florida regarding a White Slavery Traffic Act (WSTA) case and admitted being the mistress of Marcos Perez Jimenez, former President of Venezuela, who fathered her daughter. Investigation failed to establish the subject was a victim in the above mentioned WSTA case. The subject is the present wife of NY 7511-IA who furnishes information on Soviet and Soviet-bloc matters. To She is aware of her husband's cooperation with the New York Office and has, on occasion, volunteered information of value. The subject (5) is presently separated from her husband and in April, 1976, the New York Office opened a potential criminal informant file on her because of her contacts with a New York area crime figure. Guiseppe Faggiano, and a race horse trainer. She furnished information regarding gambling, shylocking and bank robbery matters However, because of the recent publicity set out in the attached newspaper clippings, the fact that she is planning to write a book concerning her Cuban experiences and the fact that she terminated her contact with criminal elements, her case was closed by the New York Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/24/76; and Bulets to Dallas, 6/14/76 and 6/29/76.

Re: Typewritten note signed "SANDRA RUBY"

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