

SECRET

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SUBJECT: LORENZ, Ilona Marita

1. As the result of an article on Subject in the 13 June 1976 New York Daily News, LA/COG was asked to do a file check to determine whether Subject was ever connected with the Agency. According to a LA/COG Desk check, IP trace, CI/OA and Security Office check, LORENZ has never been employed by the Agency. Of interest, however, is the fact that her sister, Valerie LORENZ, was granted a CSC on 14 July 1955, initiated by Finance Division, as a witting employee. At that time Valben was [redacted] an employee of the National Bank of Washington.

2. There are several references, sourced to the FBI and DCD, LORENZ is a self-admitted former girl friend of Fidel CASTRO. She claims that she met Fidel while on a trip to Cuba with her father, Captain of the North German Lloyd Line in February 1959, became infatuated with Fidel and stayed in Cuba. She served as Fidel's mistress and [redacted] came to the U.S. with Fidel's party in April 1959. She learned at that time that she was pregnant by him. She returned to Havana a short time thereafter and had a miscarriage. She claims that she was [redacted] drugged [redacted] taken to a hospital and [redacted] where an abortion was performed. Because of his reaction to the pregnancy she turned against him. LORENZ returned to [redacted] the U.S. from Cuba on 9 December 1959. Because of the bad abortion in September 1959, operation performed on LORENZ in Cuba, LORENZ was operated on on 20 January 1960 at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City by Dr. Hanniar.

3. It is said that LORENZ appeared on the TODAY's Show 14 June 1976. She reportedly made the statement that she was associated with Frank STURGIS, and that she had placed some poison pills in her face cream for the purpose of assassinating Fidel. A 24 Apr 1961 FBI document states that [redacted] on 8 January 1961 LORENZ, STURGIS, Alex RORKE [redacted] were to meet that evening and attempt a unity meeting of anti-Castro Cubans. The unity meeting was sponsored by Luis CONTE Aguero, one of the leading anti-Castro Cubans. I have uncovered nothing [redacted] to date concerning an assassination attempt.

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