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MS. MERITA LORENZ;  
DR. WALLY WESTON;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

In reference to your communication of August 27, 1976, (RM:SS:68: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 Marita Lorenz about whom you inquired. Our files reflect that Marita Lorenz, date of birth August 16, 1939, at Bremen, Germany, was initially in contact with the New York Office of [redacted] on November 20, 1959. This contact was arranged with the New York Office by Alexander I. Moros 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 James Belletier, 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.

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

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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. The New York Office opened a Potential Criminal Informant File on her because of her contacts with a New York area crime figure and a horse racer named Giuseppe Paggiaro. She furnished information regarding gambling, shylocking and bank robbery investigations. Her file has been closed, however, by the New York Office. *FCU*

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. *FCU*

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. *FCU*

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 Giuseppe Paggiaro. He has been *FCU*

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