Frank Sturgis and Marita Lorenz last year.

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Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis was arrested here late last night for allegedly threatening an upper East Side woman who has linked Sturgis to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The woman is Marita Lorenz of 512 E. 88th St., a former CIA spy who reportedly once lived with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as Castro's lover.

Sturgis was arrested by Police Dept. intelligence detectives in Miss Lorenz's apartment at 11:30 last night and was to be arraigned today on felony charges of coercion in Manhattan Criminal Court.

Miss Lorenz last Saturday told House Assassinations Committee investigators in an interview about a trip she said she took with Oswald, Sturgis and four Cubans—all members of an assassination squad. She said that they arrived in Dallas Nov. 19, three days before the murder of President Kennedy in 1963.

Sturgis and Miss Lorenz also have said that Sturgis once assigned her—in 1960—to kill Castro.

Police said Sturgis somehow heard about Miss Lorenz's interview with the

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committee investigators and flew to New York.

But Sturgis said through his lawyer that Miss Lorenz had asked him to come here and had paid his air fare.

The lawyer, Henry Rothblatt, who represented Sturgis during a Watergate investigation, said his client called him after the arrest and said, "I don't know what this is all about. She (Miss Lorenz) told me she wanted to see me. She paid my fare up here and the next thing I know I was being arrested."

'BLIND' LEASE

Miss Lorenz, said to be collecting welfare at the 88th St. address, also lives in a $652-a-month, two-bedroom apartment in a luxury high-rise at 1725 York Av. at 89th St.

The apartment in the East River Towers is leased to an organization called Mesa Properties of 300 E. 59th St.

The buliding's management said the lease was granted May 18, 1976, on a "blind" application, meaning it was for someone other than the applicant.

The arrest of Sturgis here was triggered by the arrest yesterday of Miss Lorenz's 15 - year - old daughter on charges of carrying a pistol, according to police sources.

The girl told police that she was carrying the weapon to protect her mother from Sturgis.

The girl said that Miss Lorenz told her that Sturgis was "hunting" for her mother.

Sturgis, often named by assassination buffs as part of an alleged conspiracy, has repeatedly denied ever knowing Oswald or having anything to do with the murder of Kennedy in 1963.

But Sturgis has said that he enlisted Miss Lorenz to work for the CIA at the same time that she was Castro's lover in 1959.

Sturgis, who was a top aide to Castro in the Cuban revolution before he defected, has said that he helped Miss Lorenz flee from Cuba and then dispatched her back to Havana within a year in a plot to assassinate Castro.

Miss Lorenz has said that she agreed to slip poison capsules to Castro because, after becoming pregnant with his child, she blamed him for a miscarriage that left her seriously ill.

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Her plot to kill Castro failed, she claims, because the capsules melted in a jar of cold cream in which they were concealed.

Mrs. Lorenz is believed to be the daughter of a German sea captain and his American wife. She went with her father, the late Heinrich Lorenz, captain of the luxury ship Berlin, on a cruise and met Castro in Havana in 1959.

She told authorities that she became Castro's virtual prisoner in a suite at the Havana Hilton before she accepted the CIA's offer to help her escape. She says she brought the CIA photographs of secret Cuban documents.

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Chained and handcuffed Frank Sturgis at court today.