Spy tells her story

By STEVE DUNLEAVY

Superspy Marita Lorenz broke her silence last night and said: "I don't like being threatened . . . I can be dangerous . . . my daughter can be dangerous."

Miss Lorenz has accused her old espionage partner, Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis, with threatening her if she continued to talk to authorities about facts surrounding the Kennedy assassination. She has claimed she and Sturgis went to Dallas with Lee Harvey Oswald a few days before Kennedy was shot.

Her daughter, Monica Mercedes Perez Jiminez, 15, bought a loaded pistol on Monday to protect her mother from 53-year-old Sturgis.

"I'm very proud of my

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daughter for protecting me," she said from her luxury apartment on East 88th Street.

POLICE GUARD

She made the statement while holed up with five detectives, two of them armed with shotguns.

The detectives have barred reporters from the building, refuse to take her out to eat and taste test food that is ordered in from ouside.

In a disjointed talk, Miss Lorenz said she had not slept for two days and was exhausted but added: "Between the police, my daughter and the way I can handle myself, I have good protection.

The daughter's father is former Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jiminez.

"All I want now is a little bottle of Chablis wine to relax with," Mrs. Lorenz said. She bristled at the suggestion she was working through a lawyer to sell her memoirs.

"What lawyer? I have no lawyer." She appeared angered at the talk of money. "I don't need money. You keep it, you need it."

WORKED ON BOOK

Despite her denials that she is interested in money or publication of books, she has worked on her memoirs with two authors in the past 18 months.

And she confirmed that if she did write a book, it would be sizzling.

"Love letters from Castro," she said, then perhaps, realizing she might be breaking orders to keep silent, added: "I can't talk. I can't say anything."

Miss Lorenz, who has claimed in the past that she is a crack pistol shot, was Fidel Castro's mistress for eight months.

After being recruited by Sturgis for the assassination of Castro, she landed in Havana with a loaded gun.

"And believe me, I know how to use it and wouldn't hesitate to use it if I have to."

MISSION FAILED

Miss Lorenz added that her assassination attempt, which failed when poison capsules melted in some cold cream in which they were concealed, almost cost her life.

She said two armed Cubans to tried to pistol whip her and kidnap her from a telephone booth on East 60th Street in March of 1960. They fled when a passerby approached.

"Since then I always have made sure that I have had access to a gun," she said.

During conversation with The Post last night one of the shotgun-toting detectives forcibly ejected a TV re-

'I can be dangerous'

Liaison Agency Photo

Marita Lorenz shows her marksman[illegible] in the bedroom of her apartment.

porter who had got into the apartment.

Meanwhile, Miss Lorenz is scheduled to face a grand jury in connection with her allegations that Sturgis had threatened her.

GRAND JURY PROBE

At his arraignment, the District Attorney's office charged that Sturgis instilled "fear into her that she would be killed," if she continued to talk to investigators of the subcommittee about the Kennedy assassination.

They claimed that Sturgis had threatened that he or someone else would harm her or "the Company would get her." The word company is a reference to the CIA.

Henry Rothblatt, Sturgis' lawyer, in an attempt to lower the unusually high bail of $25,000, said that Miss Lorenz's charge stemmed from the fact she was writing a book and was searching for publicity.

Miss Lorenz has claimed in testimony that she, Sturgis and Lee Harvey Oswald were among seven people who traveled from Miami to Dallas as part of an assassination squad.

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Maritza's 15-year-old daughter Monica stands beside a photograph of her father, Perez Jiminez, former Venezuelan dictator.

Marita shows off part of the arsenal she keeps at home.

Sturgis' papers tie Castro, JFK death

By STEVE DUNLEAVY

Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis has in his possession a document which he claims is proof that Fidel Castro was linked to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The document, a report written by an investigator for the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, places Jack Ruby in Havana two months before Kennedy's assassination.

Part of the report, written Jan. 27, 1964 by agent Al Tarabochia, appears on this page and tells of Jack Ruby, the killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, meeting with a Castro agent.

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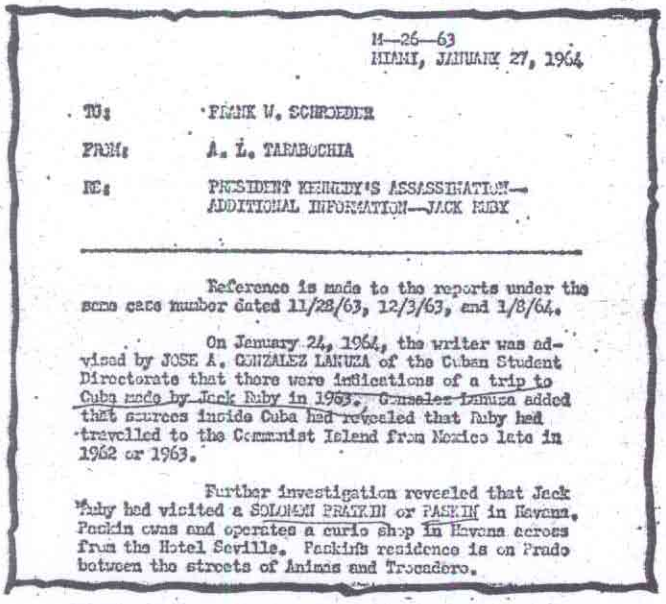
The Castro agent was the sole American businessman allowed to operate in Havana without hindrance from the authorities. His name was Solomon Paskin, and he owned a curio shop in the Hotel Seville.

The report was filed after Tarabochia intercepted a letter from the Cuban Student Directorate which said in part: "The assassin of Lee Harvey Oswald was in Havana."

Tarabochia, who is still an investigator with the same Senate subcommittee, has confirmed he was the author of the report headed: "President Kennedy's Assassination — Additional Information — Jack Ruby."



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MIAMI, JANUARY 27, 1964

TO: FRANK W. SCHROEDER

FROM: A. L. TARABOCHIA

RE: PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION—
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—JACK RUBY

Reference is made to the reports under the same case number dated 11/22/63, 12/3/63, and 1/8/64.

On January 24, 1964, the writer was advised by JOSE A. GONZALEZ LANUZA of the Cuban Student Directorate that there were indications of a trip to Cuba made by Jack Ruby in 1963. Gonzalez Lanuza added that sources inside Cuba had revealed that Ruby had travelled to the Communist Island from Mexico late in 1962 or 1963.

Further investigation revealed that Jack Ruby had visited a SOLOMON PRATKIN or PASKIN in Havana. Paskin owns and operates a curio shop in Havana across from the Hotel Seville. Paskin's residence is on Prado between the streets of Animas and Trocadero.

Part of the secret memo Sturgis had on him.

"How did you get it?" Tarabohcia asked. "It's a violation whoever gave it to you. I'm afraid I really can't comment on it other than the fact it was processed as raw intelligence. In other words it was not definitive intelligence."

STURGIS VERSION

But Sturgis, a man who fought side by side witih Castro during the early days of the revolution, can't understand why the report never found its way into the controversial Warren Commission report. Sturgis says his information on the Ruby report is as follows:

"In September 1963, two months before the assassination, Ruby met with Castro through this guy Paskin, who had a special business concession in Havana. At the meeting was Che Guevara, Che's mistress, Tanya, a KGB agent and an American known in the undercover world as 'The Mexican.'

"Ruby knew Cuba well. He had been running guns in there for Castro. In return, Castro was letting him take out cocaine to the States. The rub came when he was asked to help Castro have Kennedy killed.

"Ruby almost certainly organized the killing, may have actually been a second gun and then he covered his tracks by taking care of Oswald. Ruby was definitely in Cuba meeting with Castro."

FBI GOT STORY

Sturgis, who has gone before every inquiry and subcommittee investigating assassination, passed his information on to FBI agents Ben Kantey and Al Marquez.

Sturgs believes that if the Cuban Student Directorate letter and the Tarabochia report had been made available to the Warren Commission and investigated, the whole complexion of the assassination, inquiry would have been differentn.

"It was a dreadful coverup," Sturgis belives, "The Johnson Administration just made sure none of it got out. Castro believed that after the Cuban missile crisis, Kennedy would always interfere.

"But as far back as 1959 when I was very close to Castro, he made it very clear that assassination was very much in his mind if foreigners got in his way.

"Everybody has been talking about CIA and FBI coverups, but this was a coverup on the part of the Johnson Administration.