

# Was Jackie A CIA Spy?

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While she was married to the wealthy Greek shipowner, Jackie Onassis played a deep and dangerous game by gathering information for the CIA.

Underground Greek leftwing groups claim to have absolute proof, in the form of documents which fell into their hands when the military government of Greece was toppled in 1974.

During that chaotic time, opposition forces raided police stations and seized revealing documents.

Aristotle Onassis never knew what his wife was up to, MIDNIGHT has learned. As a major investor in the Greek

economy, he was high in the confidence of the military rulers and took Jackie along to frequent conferences with cabinet ministers and other leaders.

She always sat silently, appearing bored with their talk — but listening and making secret notes.

Now, apparently with the tacit connivance of the current Greek government, the story has been leaked by underground circles to a Spanish photographer, who told MIDNIGHT about it.

At a secret meeting in the back room of a cafe on a crowded street, he related, he was shown official documents naming Jackie as a CIA informant.

"At the time, all doors in

Greece were open to her, and nobody dreamed she could be a spy," it was pointed out.

"The CIA was having great difficulty getting information about what was happening in Greece. Because of the Cyprus disturbances, Turkey and Greece were close to war, and the Greek government, feeling the U.S. sided with Turkey, was very anti-American.

"Jackie was the one American widely accepted and trusted in Greece, so the CIA hit on the idea of using her to collect information," the photographer was told by his underground friends.

It would appear, however, that Jackie was not too efficient a spy.

"One of the workers on the Onassis estate spotted her secret notes and immediately reported to police," the photographer revealed.

"It would have been very awkward for the government to create an open scandal by accusing Jackie or arresting her. So instead, a warning was issued to all high-level officials and military men, to be careful what was mentioned in her presence. In fact, one of the documents reveals that some deliberate misinformation was fed to her, to deceive the Americans about Greek plans."

A member of the Onassis family gave MIDNIGHT another slant on the story. "It would have shocked Ari to know that his wife was a spy,"

she said. "At the time, he had a vast fortune invested in Greece, and he had to protect it; he was a staunch supporter of the military government.

"But now it is clear to me that Jackie was playing a double game. Jackie enlisted Ari's help on behalf of Nikos Kazantzakis, the author of 'Zorba the Greek,' who was in bad with the authorities. Because Ari stood so high with the government, he could pull strings. But he would have been angry if he knew Jackie's connection with the CIA, for he was hostile to the American government. He had some trouble over U.S. maritime regulations and he never forgave the government for that."

The present government in Athens is working hard to stay on the good side of the U.S. Although well aware of Jackie's former CIA involvement, the top men in Greece are ambivalent, unable to make up their minds about telling the story. So they took this left-handed way of letting it leak out.



ARI was not aware of his wife's spying activities and Greek officials, because of the Onassis fortune, didn't tell him.



**JACKIE** was such a bumbler as a spy that the Greek government intentionally fed her incorrect information, according to reports.