

Clerk Says Boss Is 'Confused' About Watergate Film

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MIAMI. — A Cuban clerk for Rich Photos here said his boss had to be "confused" about who brought him "espionage film" from the Watergate burglaries of the Democratic national headquarters.

Jenaro Perez said he knew well Bernard L. Barker and Frank Sturgis-Fiorini, suspects in the case.

He knows them because he used to be a CIA agent himself, Perez said. He said he never saw them inside the store.

"I know Frank, and he is pretty smart, believe me," Perez said. "Too smart to do it."

And sure, Perez added, he would be glad to take a lie detector test — if his lawyer will let him.

"The CIA taught me how to beat the lie detector."

How? "Don't worry. I know how to do it."

MARTIN DARDIS, chief investigator for State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein, questioned Perez on Friday and requested the examination.

The day before, Perez's boss, Michael Richardson, testified that Barker and Sturgis, along with a still-unidentified kinky red-haired "photographer," came to the photo shop for a "special rush job" on June 10, seven days before police caught five men inside Democratic national headquarters.

Richardson, 29, son of the photo shop owner, said he processed two rolls of 35mm film of the personal correspondence of Lawrence O'Brien, former chairman of the Democratic Party. He said the film showed four hands, all wearing surgical gloves, holding the documents.

Richardson also said that

Perez was present when Barker and Sturgis arrived at the shop near closing time June 10. He said Barker first approached Perez.

Perez, interviewed in a corridor outside Dardis' office, said he was there that day but that he didn't see Barker.

He knew him, he said, be-

cause he had often heard him making anti-Castro speeches "for the government."

He knew Sturgis-Fiorini, too, Perez said, and only last Sunday ran into him at a shopping center.

Was he saying that Richardson is lying?

"Oh, no. I am saying Mr. Richardson is maybe wrong. He is confused. Persons look like someone else."

PEREZ, a deceptively youthful 37 years old, said that he had worked for the CIA in 1964 and 1965, "giving information" and that he was "part of the time at training camps in Nicaragua."

For the Bay of Pigs invasion? "Oh, no. I was a private then."

Dardis wanted to know what rank Perez now holds in what revolutionary organizations.

"I take the Fifth (Amendment)," replied Perez, grinning broadly.

He said he attended several anti-Castro political meetings at a shopping center, but he "didn't know" that Barker had an office next door. "Oh, he does?" said Perez.

Last April 20, Barker deposited \$114,000 to his bank account from funds diverted from the Republican Party's Committee for the Re-election of the President. He is a former CIA operative.

Sometime last May 3 or 4, the Miami Herald learned Friday, a group of Cubans, Barker included, created a mild ruckus on the Capitol grounds in Washington while the body of J. Edgar Hoover lay in state.

There was an argument between Cubans and a protesting group of some sort. Washington police quickly interceded.

Perez said Friday he hasn't been to Washington during the last six months.