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SUBJECT Alleges CIA Involvement in Marilyn Monroe Death

ROGER MUDD: The Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office said today Marilyn Monroe's suicide in 1962 is being re-investigated because of her missing diary and because of allegations that the death certificate signature had been coerced. Here's Heidi Shulman in Los Angeles.

HEIDI SHULMAN: Los Angeles County Supervisors called for the new investigation after a flurry of publicity given charges Marilyn Monroe was murdered. A private detective offered \$10,000 for her missing diary claiming it had information about government dealings with gangsters and a plot to kill Fidel Castro, information he said she got from Robert and John Kennedy.

Gossip linked Monroe romantically to the Kennedy brothers, and a friend who claims he read the diary says she was about to tell all when she died.

ROBERT SHALTZER: That diary, I would say, would contribute greatly to her death.

SHULMAN: The detective theorizes someone in the CIA killed Monroe to keep her quiet. That's at odds with the coroner's report which said she died from an overdose of sleeping pills. But news stories that a coroner's investigator said he was coerced into signing the death certificate prompted supervisors to call for a new probe.

MIKE ANTONOVICH: To me, after 20 years, it's time to clear up this case once and for all.

SHULMAN: An assistant district attorney is reviewing the information in the case, but he says that 20 years after

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Marilyn Monroe's death, it is so stale it would take huge resources to uncover anything new.

Heidi Shulman, NBC News, Los Angeles.