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A private investigator in Los Angeles yesterday offered a \$10,000 reward for Marilyn Monroe's diary to prove she was murdered to stop her from exposing a CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro.

Milo Speriglio, director of the 76-year-old Nick Harris Detective Agency, said after spending more than a decade investigating Monroe's death, "I can say with 1,000 percent accuracy that she was murdered."

But Theodore Curfee, the coroner when Monroe died, was quoted by the Torrance, Calif., Daily Breeze as saying, "The case is closed. If [someone] doesn't believe it was suicide, it's a free country."

Speriglio said the "red diary" would prove Monroe did not commit suicide, as believed, 20 years ago this Thursday.

A CIA spokesman in Washington said the story of the alleged murder plot was "absolutely false, totally absurd."