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Marilyn Monroe slain: private eye

LOS ANGELES — A private investigator yesterday offered a \$10,000 reward for Marilyn Monroe's diary to prove the sex goddess 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 Miss Monroe's death, "I can say with 1,000 percent accuracy that she was murdered." Speriglio said the "red diary" would prove Miss Monroe did not commit suicide 20 years ago this Thursday.

Instead, he said, the 36-year-old blonde was injected with drugs by a "dissident" faction of the CIA to keep her from holding a news conference she had planned for the next day to disclose the plot to kill Castro.

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