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A former coroner's aide who claims he was forced to sign Marilyn Monroe's death certificate said today a file on the actress was altered and that her diary disappeared from a safe.

Lionel Grandison told a news conference he leafed through the diary and it contained references to a plot to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro and also to President John F. Kennedy and to Senator Robert Kennedy. He gave no details.

Miss Monroe died 20 years ago aged 36 of what the coroner's office said then was a self-induced overdose of barbiturates.

Rewards of up to \$100,000 were offered recently for the diary. Private detective Milo Speriglio said he had evidence the diary included entries saying that Robert Kennedy told Miss Monroe of a CIA plot to kill Castro.

Speriglio said he believed a dissident CIA faction murdered Miss Monroe before she could reveal the plot.

"The diary was put in a safe one day, and when we opened the safe the next day, it was gone," Grandison said.

He said in the days following the discovery of Miss Monroe's body in her Los Angeles home, people he believed were from the CIA came to the coroner's office.

"Three or four people came in to investigate Marilyn's file. You can tell the difference between a police office and a heavyweight," said Grandison, now an advertising executive.

Asked about his previous claim he was coerced into signing the death certificate, he said he was ordered to sign it and it was implied that if he did not he would be dismissed.

He said he was reluctant to sign because of the absence of a report from the coroner's suicide investigators and of reports normally available for inspection.

He claimed the file on Miss Monroe was altered several times and a diagram of her body was removed from the file.

Grandison said his arrest six months after Miss Monroe died on a charge of stealing a credit card may have been arranged. "I was asking too many questions," he said.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office announced two weeks ago it was trying to establish the chain of events in the last 24 hours of Miss Monroe's life.

The county Board of Supervisors requested the office to investigate claims made by Grandison.

Grandison said today he had still not been contacted by the District Attorney's office. A spokesman for the office refused to comment.