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### 'Kingfish' opens new chapter on JFK murder

NEW YORK — "IF THERE is real democracy in the United States today, and if the press has integrity, 'Mafia Kingfish' will trigger outraged demands for official action," says **Anthony Summers**, the man who wrote a very controversial work about the death of **Marilyn Monroe**. This column did many items on Summers and his book at the same time that ABC-TV was suppressing its own reporters' findings in the matter. (The BBC went all out elucidating, however.)

Now — we reach the apex, the zenith, in a new work demanding official reconsideration. Again, it is a deep dive into the death of the 35th president of the United States and it comes from

Kennedy family expert **John H. Davis**.

We have had so many signs pointing us down this road recently. We had the first John Davis book on the matter, "The Kennedys: Dynasty and Disaster." ... we had the often-derided (but I think utterly believable) revelations from **Judith Campbell Exner**, JFK's "Mafia" girlfriend. ... we had **David E. Scheim**'s recent tome, "Contract on America: The Mafia Murder of President John F. Kennedy," in which he named New Orleans crime boss **Carlos Marcello** as being pushed to the wall by Attorney General Robert Kennedy's hit list.

What does "Mafia Kingfish" tell us? Well, John Davis has uncovered much explosive new evidence in the case against Marcello and he goes far beyond the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which once identified Marcello as "a suspect."

Davis says Robert Kennedy's rousting about of the Marcello empire in Louisiana backfired into the murder of his brother in 1963. This book offers a grim scenario of conspiracy and cover-up, showing an act of vengeance, executed with brutal efficiency. ■