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convinced that you realize Ruby does it on his own. If Jack
Ruby was the godfather of one of the biggest five crime
families in America, ¹⁹⁶ it had nothing to do with why he killed
Lee Harvey Oswald on Sunday in my view. 7.0 1.51mcu

Q What makes you come to this view?

MR. POSNER: Only by going back into the case. I did nearly two hundred interviews. I went back to original documents. It is by going through that that I am convinced to come to an understanding that this is the key to me. It isn't the trajectory. It's not the single bullet. It's not the criminal board. It's not (just to prove to somebody?). I discuss all of that. But I think it's just Oswald and Ruby. Their acquaintances. Their contacts. Their telephone calls. The thrill of the money. All of those things. Where is the plotting that's taking place? Where is the conspiracy that's happening. And what's very important. I think that there may well have been plots brewing against Jack Kennedy in '61, '62 and '63. This is one of the most hated presidents in recent memory. A whole(?) host of possible suspects: anti-Castro Cubans; Castro. The CIA and the Mafia were trying to kill him and he ~~new~~ knew about it. We now know that that it was an

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informant inside Cuban intelligence who had generally(?) given a warning to the Kennedys even in a September '63 interview.

Q By Associated Press.

MR. POSNER: The Associated Press. All (fell down?) at the meetings. So that was the broadcast. The Mafia? No question about it. Although, I personally think that the mob had Jack Kennedy in a better blackmail situation because of Judith Ecksner (ph). They could have walked that around a tape. I wouldn't be surprised if somebody could produce tape that showed Marcella (sp) sitting together with Trapocante (sp) and saying let's get that no good S.O.B. What I'm saying in my book is that I don't think Lee Harvey Oswald was part of that plot or any other plot. Where I think the conspiracy theories have failed in 30 years of investigating this case is to tie Oswald in with the plotters. That's what doesn't make sense.

Q It's interesting. Because when your book came out initially, you got tremendous coverage. Even U.S. News And World Report did the whole magazine, just about, on your book.