

Notes on People by Laurie Johnston

In Miami, E. Howard Hunt filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit yesterday against the New York publisher and the authors of a 1975 book that allegedly suggests he masterminded the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Named in the Federal District Court suit are Michael Canfield of Silver Springs, Md. and Alan Webberman of New York, authors of "Coup d'Etat in America," and Joseph Opkapu, president of Third Press, 444 Central Park West. Mr. Hunt, a former C.I.A. agent, was convicted in connection with the Watergate burglary. He is imprisoned at the Federal Detention Center, Eglin, Fla.

His Miami lawyer, Ellis Rubin, said yesterday he hoped to subpoena some unreleased Warren Commission documents to rebut statements in which, he said, "the book erred"—that his client was in Dallas on the day President Kennedy was shot and that Mr. Hunt had headed a C.I.A. plot to kill him. In New York, Mr. Opkapu denied that the book contained such allegations. "Any publisher with any sense of the law would be crazy to say that," he said.