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EDITORIALS

THE PLOTTER'S EARS

When this editor was on the Joe Pyne Show with Otto Preminger as guest host, Mr. Preminger

was ridiculing our theories about the assassination of President John Kennedy. He said: "I had lunch with the Mayor of Dallas the day before the assassination, and I had lunch with the Mayor of New Orleans on the day of the assassination. I guess you will soon be saying that I had something to do with the killing of President Kennedy." Had I read "Coup de Etat" at the time, I would have said: "You may very well have been involved."

In a plot to take over a country the planners must have "ears" or people whose job it is to report if the information (called noise) about the coming coup is getting out to such an extent as to endanger the success of the plot. These collectors of noise are not necessarily in on the plot. They simply have an assignment and often are "used" as unwitting tools.

This will gall Preminger. That egomaniac is never going to admit he was an "unwitting tool" for anyone. But it was absolutely necessary that the killers of John Kennedy have a constant, full and complete report on many persons just before the killing and the mayors of those two involved cities were certainly on the "must" list to be observed. Preminger was big enough in show business to do the task with absolutely no danger to himself or the planners.

Jack Ruby and others, very small fry in Dallas, were similarly used. Ruby was admittedly used by the FBI in small-time information gathering, but he appears to have been a bigger operative for some other agency or country.

While talking to an important book distributor in his San Francisco office, the distributor made light of my theories and added: "You know, Jack Ruby worked for me."

I think the hair actually stood up on the back of my neck. Jack Ruby was no more suited to work for a book distributor than a bull is to operate a china shop. Ruby only read the papers, and then according to George Senator: "Only while on the john." Whatever the work was, Ruby was

not peddling books unless the books were pornographic, and that was not a pornographic outlet.

There are many indications in the Warren Hearings and other places that Ruby, and "Honest Joe" Goldstein were intelligence operatives in a small way for someone. And Abe Weinstein's Colony Club seems to have been used at times as a "safe house" for operatives.

Such were the mechanizations of the plotters, who destroyed President Kennedy.