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Personalities:

The actor who claims to have possession of the late Marilyn Monroe's mysterious diary said yesterday that be fears for his safety because of potentially explosive government secrets contained in the-book.

Ted Jordan, in an interview with the Associated Press outside his apartment near Los Angeles, said he was "all shook up . . . There have been a lot of strange calls . . " telling him, he said, to "cool it and knock it off," since he publicly claimed ownership of the diary.

Interest in the diary was sparked this summer when Milo Speriglio, a EasyAngeles private investigator, and his client Robert Slatzer, a friend of the late actrees, said Monroe was murdered because she was about to reveal the contents of her journal—government secrets, including a CIA plot to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro, learned during an alleged romance with them U.S. attorney general Robert F. Kennedy.

—Barbara Blechman and Ken Sandler