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## Delusions of power

In Karel Schwarzenberg's version of things, politicians are hungry for power and money, and Vít Bárta owes his fall to being so stupid as to put in writing what everyone else merely thinks about. Even if Schwarzenberg didn't look into his own soul to come to this cynical conclusion, he doesn't need to go far to find a suitable example of a lust for power and money in Miroslav Kalousek. The big difference between Bárta and Kalousek isn't in the methods they use (extortion, eavesdropping, etc.), but rather in Bárta's attempt to usurp power instead of working within the existing power structures. In her masterpiece "Captains and the Kings," Taylor Caldwell hinted that JFK was killed because he crossed the international bankers who call all the shots. Vít Bárta is no Jack Kennedy, of course, but the most plausible explanation for his political assassination is that he was delusional enough to think he had real power.

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