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The Editor,
States-Item,
3800, Howard Ave,
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Dear Sir,

I note that yesterday's paper carried a headline story entitled M'KEITHEN PROVIDES PUSH FOR PARTIN EXIT. The story contained a considerable amount of information about the Baton Rouge International Speedway, "which is located in Ascension Parish just south of the capital near the Airline Highway," but did not give a hint as to why the Governor of the state should want to go out of his way to expedite the departure of a teamster official.

No doubt the States-Item is aware that through an intermediary in the Governor's office--Aubrey Young--Edward Grady Partin was offered a large sum of money to change his testimony against Jimmy Hoffa and thus spring him from jail. I am sure the States-Item is also aware that Carlos Marcello himself telephoned Aubrey Young several times at the Governor's office and set up a meeting with Partin.

In view of these facts, it is hardly surprising that McKeithen would like to be rid of Partin, who must be something of an embarrassment to him.

It does surprise me, however, that none of this information was carried in yesterday's story in the States-Item. Was this because you don't believe it, don't think it is important, or don't want your readers to know about it?

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Bill Lynch et al.