Capital DA Given U.S. Phone Data

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BATON ROUGE—The U.S. Justice Department today turned over records it has compiled on a reputed telephone link between a rackets figure and the state capitol to East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher, the States-Item has learned.

Pitcher acknowledged the 54-page document was furnished him containing information he has been seeking for the past seven months on calls between a number reputedly that of Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello and a phone in the office of the speaker of the House.

THE DOCUMENT, believed to be a resume of an intensive FBI investigation of toll call slips on long distance calls, was delivered early this morning to the Baton Rouge district attorney.

Pitcher told the States-Item he had been advised the information was for official use only. He said he could not even say if it was a resume of calls or the toll slips themselves.

The Justice Department, which has been uncooperative for several months in furnishing the information, had declared previously that the FBI had destroyed original copies made of toll calls.

Pitcher countered he didn't believe it, but asked the Justice Department two months ago to let him examine the resume.

IT WAS ALSO learned that

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the Justice Department records furnished Pitcher pertained only to the telephone maintained in the speaker's office for C. H. "Sammy" Downs, unpaid administrative assistant to Gov. John McKeithen.

Life magazine had disclosed last September that calls were made from the phone in a motel office in Jefferson Parish, reportedly that of Marcello, to Aubrey Young, then an aide to the governor. Young and Downs have both denied receiving any calls on that phone from Marcello.

McKeithen last September asked Pitcher to investigate the telephone connection.

Additional records of calls made to other numbers will also be sought by the district attorney, it was learned.