

7/20/71

Mr. William Loeb
Pride's Crossing, Mass.

Dear Bill,

Belatedly, I have just seen the accounts of your unsigned statement from Partin in the NO..Times- Picayune for 5/10/71, so I write about this and other matters with which I should have annoyed you earlier.

I have no doubt that DJ/RFK/Walter Sheridan long ago made a deal with Partin to get Hoffa and leave Partin alone, have always felt so. I also noted that they went after Partin on a matter unrelated to the DJ deal, so they did not violate their word or the deal. We may or may not agree, but I see no improvement in the present bunch in DJ, and they are more willing to lie in public today. And in private. And to perjure, where I've had my own experiences. I believe you might be able to time the move to put Partin away with Epstein's departure from the sunny southland, just a hunch.

If you do not have to keep it secret, I'd like a copy of the Partin statement for use in backgrounding, for I expect something to happen, or for no use at all, if you so specify, but for my understanding. And I'd ~~like~~ like 3-4 sets of your stories to give to people.

I have no way of knowing what is going on in N.O. now or whether or not the DJ has a case on Garrison, but to the degree I can I have been watching it and do believe they have no case on him and jeopardized their case against the piballers for ulterior purposes. Among these I believe is the whittling away of our basic freedoms. Hoover, of course, wants to taste Gar ison's blood as much as Hoffa wants a Kennedy flavor.

One of the most solid cases again the saintly indispensable (ask him) is in my FRAME-UP, where, although I do not believe it, the publishers are believed by all my friends to have been reached. To date they haven't arranged a single promo, no press conference, etc. And, of course, all those great "liberals", from the NYTimes, which got a Stanford professor (also USIA contributor) to axe it, to the bigger talk shows, helped. I enclose other than fink comment from the Times of London, Publishers' Weekly and The Saturday Review.

Were Partin to sing now, it would hurt only Demos/EMK, so I'll not be too surprised if he does, unless the bureaucrats, who ^{never} die, in the DJ, can reach up higher. In fact, if I ran DJ, I'd nudge him on! They seem to have made a deal with Hoffa anyway. If they have, I have a notion there may be different interpretations of it!

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

Was Forced Into Perjury in '64 Hoffa Trial-Partin

Paper Attributes Quote to Teamster Boss

By JOHN McMILLAN

Baton Rouge Teamster boss Edward Grady Partin — with the prescription limit on his alleged perjury elapsed — now

says he lied during the trial deposition in California March which sent Teamster leader 27 James Riddle Hoffa to prison, according to a New Hampshire newspaper.

The paper, the Manchester Union Leader, reported in a copyrighted story Thursday that Partin made the statement in a

deposition, according to the New England newspaper, was D'Alton Smith, formerly of New Orleans, who is now appealing a five-year conviction on 18 counts of transporting interstate stolen and forged securities.

The paper identified Smith as a friend of Partin's. However, in April of 1969, Partin testified in a Baton Rouge court that Smith offered him \$65,000 if he would say the government used illegal wiretapping during the jury tampering trial which sent Hoffa to prison.

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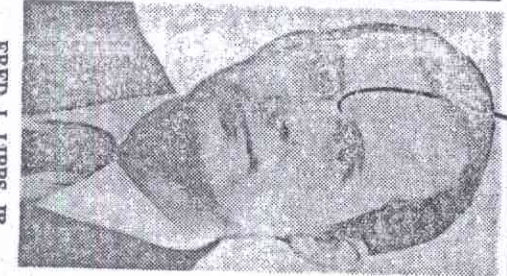
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FRED J. LIPPS JR.

quited me to make any official inquiry involving Mr. Hoffa's case."

Nevertheless, the publisher of the New Hampshire paper, William Loeb, said he urged President Nixon in a telegram to order an investigation of the Hoffa conviction based on the article in his paper.

CHAPTER ELECTS MRS. JACK OWEN

Mrs. Jack Owen is 1971-72 social chairman of Alpha Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Other chairmanships have been given to Mrs. Robert Kennz, service; Mrs. Bernard Saunders and Mrs. Gary Eng-

land, ways and means; Mrs. Judy Klenny, program; Mrs. J. T. Henderson, telephone; Mrs. David Schlador, publicity; and Mrs. Wilfred Gagnon, yearbook and scrapbook.

LIPPS TO HEAD FUND CAMP

Has Rendered PUF Service

Fred J. Lipps, Jr. has named chairman of the Business Group for campaign of the United for the Greater New Area, Floyd W. Lewis, campaign chairman, announced. Lipps is a staff director of development at Louisiana State University.

Also named to serve chairman of the volunteer organization was Neil Thomas, vice president, Men's Credit Bureau.

The group is responding campaign solicitation at smaller businesses.

Lipps was vice chair the group in last year campaign and in five previous years. He has served representative, loaned and division vice-chairman

The new chairman is orary life member of the ber of Commerce of New Orleans Area and a member of American Alumni Association and the Young Men's Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans was general chairman 1968-69 Loyola University Fund Drive.

Stimmons was a division man with the United Fund Division chairman at chairman who will be seen the Small Business Guide: Office Building

Hoffa began serving an eight-year sentence in Lewisburg, Pa., March 7, 1967. He was recently denied a parole.

JUDGE DENIES TAPES

Not only did the paper quote Partin, it reported Baton Rouge City Judge William Hawk Daniels said he had tape recordings which could possibly free Hoffa. Contacted in Baton Rouge, however, Daniels said he had some tapes of a conversation between Partin and an attorney for Hoffa but said he didn't know what information was on them.

"I don't think I've ever said that I had tapes of conversations to the effect that persons were urging or coercing Partin to commit perjury before the federal courts," he said. In the alleged deposition, Partin said that in 1962 representa-

GALLINGHOUSE QUOTED

The statute of limitations of prosecution for perjury is five years. Partin's testimony was given in 1964.

The paper also quoted U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse as saying he was unable to get "to the truth" of the Partin-Hoffa matter because of the Kennedy element left in the Justice Department. The late Robert F. Kennedy successfully prosecuted Hoffa when Kennedy was Attorney General.

Gallinghouse Saturday denied the statement. "I must say that I have never substantiated any statement made or represented as made by Mr. Partin with reference to Mr. Hoffa or anybody else, and I have never made any comment on any such statement that may have been made by or attributed to him."

He said no efforts have been made by anyone in the Justice Department to halt any efforts concerning Partin. "At no time have I ever said or indicated to any person that we could not get to the truth about the so-called Partin-Hoffa matter. In fact, the official responsibilities of our office have never re-