

Hoffa Says Accuser Confessed Perjury

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 19 (AP)—Former Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa says he has proof the Justice Department forced the main prosecution witness to commit perjury in Hoffa's 1964 jury tampering trial.

"I have in my possession a 31-page document where the only witness against me admits that he committed perjury and that he was given each night by the federal government questions and answers he was to repeat the next morning on the witness stand," Hoffa said.

He said the witness, former Louisiana Teamsters head Edward Partin, would make a public statement on the contents of the "document" in the "next 10 days." Hoffa said Par-

tin had given the statement to a court reporter but did not say how he obtained it.

Partin was unreachable for comment.

Hoffa made the statement during a television program taped in Atlanta and aired by station WLWD here last week.

Last time to overturn Hoffa's 1964 jury tampering conviction. Hoffa's lawyers argued that Partin, the government's key witness in the trial, had perjured himself and that the Department of Justice knew of the alleged perjury.

Hoffa indicated he would use Partin's alleged statement in an effort to secure a reversal of the requirement of his parole last year that he not take part in union activities until 1980.