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## **New Investigation Of Big Milk Co-op Conducted by U.S.**

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The Government is conducting a new grand jury investigation of Associated Milk Producers, Inc., looking into an alleged cover-up in an antitrust case.

The grand jury is examining sworn testimony that officials of the giant dairy farmer cooperative deliberately destroyed documents that could be used as evidence in the case.

The cooperative is the biggest dairy farmer cooperative in the nation and also runs a \$1.8-million political trust. Last year the co-op and two of its former top officers pleaded guilty to making hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal political gifts. Three additional trials now are scheduled on charges stemming from the group's political activities, including the alleged bribery of former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally.

The latest grand jury inquiry is being conducted by Chicago-based lawyers for the antitrust division of the Justice Department. The Federal grand jury is sitting in San Antonio, Tex., the headquarters of the co-op.

The investigation centers on testimony given by David L. Parr, former second-in-command of the co-op. He swore he has ordered destruction of sensitive files in the co-op's office in Little Rock, Ark., and that he believed similar file cleaning had gone on throughout the multistate cooperative.

Mr. Parr testified that the destruction took place in April, 1971, after the co-op became involved in an antitrust suit with the National Farmers Organization, and before the Government filed a similar suit.

"The best I can recall is

some attorney implied to us strongly to search our files, and make sure that any information concerning N.F.O. be eliminated," Mr. Parr said.

Mr. Parr's testimony was given to the Senate Watergate committee and was made public last year.