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Phone Slip Alibi Rings Phony

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[illegible] jury tampering charge in 1964.

Partin was the star informer for the Justice Department which it seems, has bestowed on him strong immunity powers. A variety of charges pending against Partin have evaporated.

In addition, there have been former agents and current agents of the Justice Department interceding on Partin's behalf both at the state government level and in the federal court level.

The Justice Department would not like to see anything happen that might affect Partin's testimony.

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IT IS KNOWN that Walter Sheridan, former Justice Department agent who worked closely with Partin in 1962, has been involved in the telephone records incident.

Many observers scoffed at the idea of the FBI destroying the records. In what may be a dying gasp, Pitcher has now asked the Justice Department to let him and Attorney General Jack Gremillion see the "results."

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[illegible] reply [illegible] FBI had obtained [illegible] They had been turned over to the department, Hoover said. He made no mention of having destroyed any of them.

Now the Justice Department claims that only the results of a study of the records were received by it and the FBI destroyed the copies of the entire record.

It now seems that the telephone records may have become a pawn in a struggle between the Justice Department and the state over the fate of Edward Grady Partin, boss of Teamster Local No. 5 in Baton Rouge. Partin is the prime target of an investigation by the Labor-Manage-

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Court to Review Shaw Venue Plea

The Louisiana Supreme Court is expected to consider next week a request by attorneys for Clay L. Shaw that the court review a district judge's refusal to move Shaw's trial outside New Orleans.

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. turned down the change of venue motion April 4, ruling that Shaw could get a fair trial in New Orleans.

Shaw is accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of participating in a plot to kill President John F. Kennedy.

The defense filed the review motion yesterday, just before the expiration of the deadline set by Judge Haggerty.