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jury tampering charge in
1964.

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

In addition, there have been
former agents and current
agents of the Justice Depart-
ment interceding on Partin's
behalf both at the state gov-
ernment level and in the fed-
eral court level.

The Justice Department
would not like to see anything

happen that might affect
Partin's testimony.

IT IS KNOWN that Walter
Sheridan, former Justice De-
partment agent who worked
closely with Partin in 1962,
has been involved in the tele-
phone 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 Gen-
eral Jack Gremlion see the
"results."

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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 en-
tire record.

It now seems that the tele-
phone records may have be-
come a pawn in a struggle
between the Justice Depart-
ment 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 investiga-
tion by the Labor-Manage-

New Orleans States Item 4/20/68
**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 Ed-
ward A. Haggerty Jr. turned
down the change of venue mo-
tion April 4, ruling that Shaw
could get a fair trial in New
Orleans.

Shaw is accused by District
Attorney Jim Garrison of par-
ticipating in a plot to assassinate
President John F. Kennedy.

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