

3 Marcello Phone Calls Received by Office--Dodd

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BATON ROUGE—State Education Supt. William J. Dodd acknowledged today that three calls were made to his office from the telephone of Jefferson Parish racket figure Carlos Marcello.

East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher disclosed yesterday that an investigation by his staff had showed no link between Marcello and Aubrey Young, former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen, but had turned up calls to the capitol telephones of two state officials—one appointed and the other elected.

PITCHER REFUSED to identify the individual but Dodd said today that three calls were made to his office. He said he did not talk with Marcello.

In a statement Dodd said:

"Shortly after the East Baton Rouge district attorney's investigation began relative to telephone calls between the Town and Country Motel in Metairie, and the State Capitol, I informed Sargent Pitcher that at least three calls came to my office and were taken by my secretary, Mrs. Ruth Stout.

"While I did not talk on these calls, they were taken by my secretary.

"These calls were made by a lady who represented herself as a secretary who was calling to get my office to assist Joe Marcello in his efforts to have Louisiana State University in New Orleans accept the application of a student into that institution.

"MRS. STOUT will verify the fact that she talked on these calls and wrote a letter to Joe Marcello concerning these calls. And District Attorney Pitcher will verify the fact that we disclosed the same to him, and he checked them out and stated that they were legitimate calls.

"In the four years that I have been state superintendent of education I have received several thousand calls of this nature and have tried to assist, as best I could, students who have needed help."

Pitcher confirmed that he had checked out the calls and said the reason he did not want to discuss the persons'

identities was that he did not find anything wrong with them and because it would be guilt by association.

The identity of the other person in the capitol receiving the calls still has not been made public.

Joseph Marcello is Carlos Marcello's brother.

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