

Perjury Proof Against Partin Said Bared

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A local newspaper publisher says his paper has uncovered evidence indicating the Baton Rouge, La., Teamster boss Edward Grady Partin perjured himself in helping to send Teamster national president James Hoffa to jail.

William Loeb, publisher of the Manchester Union Leader, said Friday he sent a telegram to President Nixon urging an investigation of Hoffa's conviction of a jury tampering charge. Loeb claimed that Hoffa was convicted by means of an electronic surveillance and perjured testimony.

The Union Leader, in a copyrighted story Thursday, quoted from an alleged deposition and an interview it said had been given by Partin, who was a key government witness in Hoffa's trial.

THE NEWSPAPER quoted Partin as saying the Justice Department forced him into the role of an informer. It also quoted Partin as saying: "Hoffa shouldn't really be in prison. I know I committed perjury, but I was forced into it."

However, when contacted at his Baton Rouge home, Partin told the Baton Rouge State-Times he had no comment on the Union Leader story. About the deposition, he said: "I have never seen one and I have never signed one."

The Union Leader said Baton Rouge Municipal Judge William Hawk Daniels has tape recordings which possibly could win freedom for Hoffa.

CONTACTED in Baton Rouge, Daniels said he knew nothing of the deposition allegedly made by Partin.

The judge said he had some tapes that include recorded

conversation between Partin and an attorney connected with Hoffa, but that he didn't know what information was on them.

"I don't think I've ever said that I had tapes of conversations to the effect that persons were urging or coercing Par-

tin to commit perjury before the federal courts," Daniels said.

HE SAID HE had been contacted in connection with efforts to get Hoffa released from prison on parole, but he declined to elaborate.