

HOFFA JUDGE ORDERS STUDY OF STATEMENT

CHATTANOOGA, May 14 (AP)—The Federal judge who presided over James R. Hoffa's jury tampering trial directed a study today of a statement that a key Government witness purportedly perjured himself.

Federal District Judge Frank Wilson, given the statement yesterday studied it overnight and directed Harold Brown, an attorney for Hoffa, and United States attorney John L. Bowers Jr. to look into the matter and report back to him. He gave them no deadline.

The statement was presented to the judge during a meeting with Mr. Brown, Mr. Bowers and Arthur C. Egan Jr., a reporter for The Manchester Union Leader in New Hampshire.

It is an alleged deposition by Edward Grady Partin, a Baton Rouge, La., teamsters official whose testimony was vital in sending Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to a Federal penitentiary on an eight-year sentence for jury tampering. In the statement, Mr. Partin said that he had perjured himself in testimony he gave during the trial here in 1964.