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EVIDENCE HIDING DENIED BY MAHON

Statement by Sheppard

Brings Reply

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Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon last night said the prosecutor's office concealed no evidence in the Sheppard case.

Mahon took exception to a statement made by Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in which he said evidence favorable to him was concealed by the prosecutor's office in his trial for the July 4 murder of his wife, Marilyn.

"Everything was out in the open," Mahon said.

As for Dr. Sam's statement that the prosecutor was "duty bound" to protect the innocent as well as prosecute the guilty, Mahon said: "Maybe we didn't do our duty from Dr. Sheppard's point of view, but from the public point of view we did our duty."

Long Hassle Expected

Dr. Sam's motion for a new trial will come before Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin on Thursday morning. It is expected to be the opening signal for a long legal hassle that may go as far as the United States Supreme Court.

In his cell at County Jail, Dr. Sam was reported making a psychological adjustment in his thinking over the possibility of serving at least 10 years in prison.

"He is confident that justice will prevail, but he is taking nothing for granted," a brother, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, said.

Yesterday Dr. Sam listened to the Cleveland Browns-Detroit Lions football game on his portable radio. He attended religious services in the jail chapel following a noon dinner of meat loaf.