

WYMAN DISPUTES CHARGE OF ENVOY

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Denies Enticing Farkases to

'Buy' Ambassadorship

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WASHINGTON, July 2—Louis C. Wyman, the Republican claimant to New Hampshire's vacant Senate seat, said today that he could not believe that the woman he helped win an ambassadorial post had charged him with enticing her and her husband into illegally purchasing the job.

In Luxembourg, a spokesman for the United States Embassy said that Ambassador Ruth L. Farkas would neither dispute nor confirm an article in The New York Times today reporting her charge. The article quoted a close friend of the Farkases as saying that they told the Watergate grand jury in April that Mr. Wyman had "tricked" them into buying the ambassadorship with a \$300,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign of 1972.

In Washington, meanwhile, sources independent of the Farkases but close to the grand jury proceedings said that the Farkases had testified as reported, in an effort to avoid prosecution themselves by building a case against Mr. Wyman.

A source close to the Farkases said that they were cooperating with the Watergate special prosecutor in hope of receiving immunity from prosecution. The same source says that the Farkases believe that Mr. Wyman is the chief target in this phase of the grand jury investigation.

Henry S. Ruth, the Watergate special prosecutor, today again declined to comment on the matter.

Mr. Wyman was at home today in Wolfeboro, N.H., awaiting further Senate debate this month on his extraordinarily close, still unresolved race last fall against John A. Durkin, a Democrat.

The article about the Farkases' testimony, Mr. Wyman told reporters, was "absolutely untrue."

"It's not so. No way. It's ridiculous," he said.

Mr. Wyman, who had served five terms in the House of Representatives before he ran for the Senate last year, said earlier that he had not been in touch with the Farkases for months and had not appeared before the Watergate grand jury for more than a year.

He said that he was certain that if the grand jury had heard evidence against him, he would have been recalled for further questioning.

"They haven't called me," he said, "and the grand jury expires Monday."

Yet the Watergate special prosecutor is empowered to bring cases before other grand juries. And one source familiar with the Farkas case said today that George Farkas, the founder of Alexander's department store in New York, who first enlisted Mr. Wyman's help in securing an ambassadorship for his wife, had already been summoned to appear before a grand jury on July 25.