

STATES-ITEM

Fortas Advised Wolfson On Charges, Magazine Says

NEW YORK (AP)—Louis E. Wolfson told FBI agents who visited him in prison that he was advised by former Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas that his indictment for stock manipulation was based on legal technicalities, Life magazine says.

Two weeks ago, Life's story of ties between Fortas and Wolfson started a wave of public and congressional criticism that led to Fortas' resignation from the court Thursday.

Fortas received \$20,000 in 1966 from the Wolfson family foundation and returned it 11 months later, after Wolfson

was indicted following an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Life yesterday reported FBI agents visited Wolfson in Florida May 8 and were told "he and Fortas had discussed the nature of the SEC case against him, and Fortas had said that in his opinion the charges were based on legal technicalities."

An FBI spokesman in Washington said, "I have absolutely no comment."

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