

## Life Charges 'False'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Justice Department today branded as false the charges by Life Magazine accusing the Nixon administration of seriously tampering with justice in San Diego.

"They are based on misinformation, innuendo, hearsay and a rehash of old rumors which were thoroughly investigated more than a year ago," said a two-sentence statement issued

five days after the Life Magazine story was made public.

The statement was similar to the one issued Sunday night by the department's director of public information, John W. Hushen.

The Life article said the Nixon administration tampered with justice in San Diego to protect highly placed campaign contributors and friends of President Nixon from criminal prosecutions.

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