

His Talk With the White House Bork Tells of Another Job Suggestion

Washington

Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork yesterday ~~denied that~~ A Supreme Court appointment had been held out ~~as~~ as an inducement to him by the White House to do anything.

But he said there had been suggestions at one point that he might move on to a different job. Without detailing what prompted the suggestion, Bork said: "I think I cannot consistently with the confidentiality of that discussion tell you what that job was, but it was suggested I take on a different job."

"Nobody ever suggested I was next in line" for the Supreme Court, he said on the CBS television program "Face the Nation."

"It has been booting about the White House that I might be a candidate for that job but I was never offered that," Bork added.

He said he was never approached about such a position "by way of inducement to do anything."

Bork discussed the report after being asked if President Nixon's chief of staff, Alexander M. Haig Jr., prefaced a discussion with him by saying: "Professor Bork, you know of course you're on the top of our list for the next Supreme Court vacancy."

Bork became acting attorney general when Elliot L. Richardson resigned as attorney general, after refusing to fire Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor.

Bork said that there is no possibility that President Nixon would fire Leon Jaworski, who replaced Cox.

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