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"[Fortas] also disputed [report in NYTimes Magazine, 4 Jun 67] that he was involved in efforts to get a federal judgeship for David G. Bress, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia."

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filed Garrison

"Testifying on other matters, Fortas glossed over his persistent recommendation that U.S. Attorney David Bress be made a U.S. district judge. Bress has been an excellent U.S. attorney and deserves reward. However, the basic point is whether a member of the Supreme Court should recommend judgeships. Under the constitutional separation of the executive from the judiciary, he should not. Yet Fortas recommended Bress as U.S. attorney in the first place, and then asked that he be promoted to be a judge in the second place."

Drew Pearson, N.O. States-Item, 20 Jul 68  
filed Garrison