

Sources: Jackson eyed in Blago probe

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CHICAGO -- U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., has been queried by federal investigators probing the actions of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, sources say.

Citing unnamed sources, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Tuesday that Jackson has been asked by investigators why Blagojevich allegedly believed Jackson would be willing to contribute campaign cash to him in an exchange for an appointment to U.S. President Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

The Sun-Times said Jackson and his lawyer met more than a week ago for an interview with investigators in connection with the Blagojevich probe. Prosecutors have alleged that the indicted ex-governor believed he would receive \$1.5 million in campaign money in exchange for appointing Jackson to the seat.

During the meeting, investigators and Jackson allegedly discussed what Jackson told his representatives to tell the Blagojevich camp on his behalf last year. At the time, Jackson was seeking the Senate seat appointment, the newspaper said.

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