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Press Conference - Jesse Jackson, Jr.

"I want to address rumors and reports about me and my involvement in this process.

I want to make this fact plain. I reject and denounce pay to play politics and have no involvement whatsoever in wrongdoing. I did not initiate or authorize anyone at anytime to promise anything to Gov. Blagojevich on my behalf. I never sent a message or an emissary to make an offer to plead my case or to propose a deal about a U.S. Senate seat; period. I thought, mistakenly, that the process was fair, above board, and on the merits."