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## **Ricord Is Held On Charges of Drug Smuggling**

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (UPI)—Auguste Joseph Ricord, one-time gestapo agent who reputedly masterminded a \$2.5 billion South America-based heroin ring, as held today on federal drug smuggling charges.

He arrived in New York Saturday night, accompanied on his flight from Ascuncion, Paraguay, by five Federal agents and a doctor following his unsuccessful 17-month battle against extradition battle in Paraguayan courts.

Federal sources said Ricord was believed to control more than one-third of the illicit heroin entering the United States, and half of the total entering from South America.

He will be arraigned Tuesday on charges of conspiring to smuggle 94 pounds of heroin worth an estimated \$27.3 million into the United States in 1970.

He faces five to 20 years imprisonment if convicted on each count of the four-count indictment issued by a Manhattan federal grand jury in May, 1971.