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Vesco - SFC story is based on combined AP and UPI reports, datelined San Jose, Costa Rica.

A business associate of Vesco's, Norman P. LeBlanc, described as "a Canadian businessman who was named with Vesco in a suit by the [SEC] last year," tells newsmen he and Vesco have "a missing link" in what the story describes as "the Watergate case" and can prove it with "certain documents." He does not say what the link is or identify the documents. Only if the SEC grants "cast-iron guarantees" of immunity to himself, Vesco and other associates will they turn over these documents; story does not say to whom they would be given. LeBlanc says he is "delighted" that a special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, has been appointed and invites him to meet with himself and Vesco, "to hear what we have to say and let justice prevail."

LeBlanc accuses the CIA of "harassing" Vesco and names Peter Johnson, a second secretary and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, as the head of the CIA in Costa Rica, "whose sole job is to get rid of Vesco, LeBlanc and several others of us." U.S. Ambassador, Viron P. Vaky, denies the CIA is harassing Vesco and his associates, and says Johnson "is not CIA."

SFC: "LeBlanc said the Nixon administration pressured the SEC to cover up two other controversial cases - one involving the [ITT] - in a 'trade' designed to 'get Vesco.'" The other case is not named.

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Norman P. LeBlanc - See entry, Vesco.

Peter Johnson - " "

CIA - " "

Vesco - Background story by Robert E. Dallos. See also separate entry on Vesco.

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