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Sketches of Four Men Indicted in Campaign Gift Case

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Spent 32 years building up a lucrative Wall Street law practice with national recognition as specialist in municipal and state financing . . . Had known Richard Nixon only a year or so before their law firms merged in 1967. . . . Political novice before Mr. Nixon enticed him to run his Presidential campaign in 1968. . . . Rewarded him for his austere efficiency with job of Attorney General. . . . Before appointment said, "I am invulnerable. I will never accept a Cabinet post." . . . At Justice Department gained image of a tough law and order man, advocating preventive detention but urging more control of wire taps by department. . . . Also gained reputation of being brusque and passionless. . . . In March, 1972, the amply built pipe smoker left Justice to mastermind the President's re-election campaign. . . . Three months later, two weeks after the break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters, he resigned, saying his wife Martha had persuaded him to leave. . . . Returned to his law firm of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, Alexander & Mitchell in New York. . . . Born in Detroit on Sept. 15, 1913. . . . Graduate of Fordham University and

Fordham Law School. . . . Two of his three children are by a former marriage.

Maurice Herbert Stans

Millionaire with a passion for African safaris . . . Born a poor child, son of a house-painter, on March 22, 1908 in Shakopee, Minn. . . . Worked as stenographer at sausage company to pay for two and a half years of classes at Northwestern University . . . At age 19 became junior accountant with small firm . . . In 1955, after spinning his way to success in the accounting world, was introduced to Washington where he made a budget study for the Post Office . . . Became deputy to Postmaster-General . . . President Eisenhower moved him in as deputy budget director and made him director five months later in 1957 . . . Left bureau in 1961 and became president of Western Bancorporation of Los Angeles . . . In 1969 senior partner of New York investment banking firm, William R. Staats, Inc. . . . Finance chairman of Nixon's campaign for Governor of California in 1962 . . . chief money raiser in Nixon's campaign for President in 1968 . . . Many legal questions raised when financial reports filed late with Congress . . . Again, in 1972, was chairman

of Finance Committee to Re-elect the President . . . His committee was fined \$8,000 by the courts for violating the disclosure law by making campaign expenditures without accounting for them

Robert Lee Vesco

Detroit native, now a millionaire, who purchased Investors Overseas Services, a mutual-fund empire in 1971 . . . penchant for private Boeing 707 and name dropping . . . His payroll at I.C.S. included James Roosevelt, son of the late President, and Donald Nixon, the President's nephew, who worked as an executive assistant, traveling the world with him . . . Graduate of Wayne State University . . . He gained recognition in business world when he merged two Florida corporations to become International Controls Corporation, raising earnings from zero to \$4.7 million . . . Gained control over company in California called Electronic Specialty Company and became entangled in a law suit that, for the first time, drew him to the attention of the Securities and Exchange Commission . . . Was left with tarnished image of shifty customer, very hard-hitting, a man to be wary of . . . S.E.C.

focused on him again last year when he was charged with master-minding a plot to loot \$224-million from mutual funds managed by Investors Overseas Services . . . Suit still pending . . . Is a financial power in Costa Rica and the Bahamas . . . Has a home in Boonton, N.J., with wife and four children.

Harry L. Sears

Fifty-three years old . . . Former Republican majority leader of the New Jersey Senate . . . Chairman of the Nixon campaign committee in New Jersey last year . . . An attorney for Robert L. Vesco . . . Comes from Boonton, N. J., where Mr. Vesco has an office . . . Says he first met Mr. Vesco during an unsuccessful campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1969 . . . Mr. Vesco raised or contributed \$20,000 for that Sears campaign . . . Announced in 1971 that he was leaving public life and would not seek re-election to the Senate . . . Was elected to the Assembly in 1961 and re-elected every two years until his election to the State Senate in 1967 . . . Graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn., with class of 1942 .

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