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A Story of Nixon-Vesco Secret Talks

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Bernard Cornfeld, former head of an overseas mutual fund, said yesterday he had been told that President Nixon had a secret meeting with financier Robert Vesco in mid-1972 in Austria.

Cornfeld, released from a Swiss prison Friday, said he had been told by a second-hand source that Vesco met with Mr. Nixon while he was in Salzburg May 20-22, 1972, on his way to Moscow.

Mr. Nixon spent those two days in Salzburg. But White House spokesman Ronald Ziegler said there was no such meeting "that he (the President) recalls."

Cornfeld said here that Diana Stewart, a former business associate, told him that she had been told of the Salzburg meeting by close associates of Vesco.

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