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Costa Rican Court Gets Vesco Case

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For the first time, a company left in shambles by fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco is pursuing him to his Costa Rican haven in an effort to get some of its money back.

In a suit filed early last week, International Controls Corp., which Vesco headed until he fled the U.S. two years ago, has asked the Costa Rican supreme court to enforce a \$2.14 million default judgment entered against him here 17 months ago. The suit also asks for interest payments which would bring the total to more than \$2.4 million.

International Controls, formerly of Fairfield, N.J., was the vehicle through which Vesco took control of Investors Overseas Services, the once-huge Swiss mutual fund complex. Vesco resigned as chairman of ICC in September, 1972, and quit as a consultant in February, 1973, a few months before he was indicted for trying to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of his activities. ICC has since been managed by a court-appointed board of directors.

Under Costa Rican law, the judge has a limited amount of time to render a decision in the case.

If the suit is successful, it would probably not make much of a dent in Vesco's fortune.