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# Missing Lists Delay Action On Vesco

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NEW YORK, March 20—The passenger lists for Robert L. Vesco's private jet airplane "disappeared" after the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a subpoena for the document last week, SEC lawyers revealed in federal court here today.

It was not immediately clear why the manifests, which list the names of all passengers on the Boeing 707, is considered vital by the SEC.

Vesco, however, was known to have offered rides frequently to government people who might be traveling to the same cities as the jet. Moreover, the SEC has a strong interest in all passengers on flights to Nassau, Bahamas, and San Jose, Costa Rica, the two cities where Vesco is attempting to establish power bases.

The debate over the manifest and the SEC's request that federal Judge Charles E. Stewart, Jr., order Vesco to produce the document, delayed for a day the start of hearings on the commission's request for preliminary injunctions against Vesco and 14 other defendants.

In addition, the SEC is asking that receivers be appointed for 20 corporations allegedly controlled by Vesco and four mutual funds managed by IOS, Ltd.

The SEC has accused Vesco and others of "looting" \$224 million from the four funds.

Shirley E. Bailey, Vesco's former private secretary and the secretary of International Controls Corp. (ICC), which he headed until last year, testified that she received a call from Vesco at 4:20 this morning. She said he told her that the passenger manifests are in the possession of Norman Leblanc, chairman of Bahamas Commonwealth Bank in Nassau and a close Vesco associate. Leblanc needed them, she said Vesco told her, to verify ICC claims for reimbursement by the bank for trips taken by BCB personnel.

Frank G. Beatty, executive vice president of ICC, said he had spoken to Vesco twice about the manifests. He said he told the former chairman that the document should be returned to ICC.