

## FIGUERES TELLS OF VESCO PLEDGE

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Financier Will Cooperate on  
Case, President Says

**NYTimes**

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, June 14 (AP)—President José Figueres says Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive financier, has given him a personal promise to cooperate with Costa Rican courts considering his extradition to the United States.

The President said in an interview last night that the promise extended to Mr. Vesco's appearance in a Costa Rican court, should it be deemed necessary.

Meanwhile, Mr. Figueres said, the financier is welcome to come and go as he pleases while the matter of extradition is being resolved.

The United States Embassy has asked formally for the extradition of Mr. Vesco, based on a charge by the International Controls Corporation, which he founded, that he made fraudulent use of a telegram to order the transfer of \$250,000 from the Bahamas to his New York account. The indictment was announced yesterday in New York.

According to the embassy here, fraud is covered under the 1922 extradition agreement between the United States and Costa Rica.

Mr. Vesco is already under criminal indictment for giving President Nixon's re-election campaign an unreported \$200,000 donation, allegedly to influence an investigation into his stock dealings.

He is also sought in Switzerland and is a defendant with 40 others in a Securities and Exchange Commission suit charging them with bilking the Vesco-controlled Investors Overseas Services of \$224-million in shareholders' funds.

### Provisional Passport

Costa Rican security officials say Mr. Vesco, who travels on a provisional Costa Rican passport, left here June 3, presumably for the Bahamas.

United States officials have asked that he be detained by Costa Rican officials while his extradition is studied. But Mr. Figueres said he knew of no decision by the courts here on the request.

Mr. Figueres said he believed that the cable sent to transfer the funds was not sent from United States soil. He said he believed that transfer order originated in the Bahamas, where the funds were.

Should Mr. Vesco be extradited, Mr. Figueres said he doubted whether the funds invested here, especially in bonds, would be affected.

The President said that, if United States courts decided to transfer control of the funds to a trusteeship, it would automatically become the creditor.

He said the Government bonds were being serviced normally, adding, "The moment that we get a legal order saying that the trusteeship has been appointed by the judge and that the whole thing is settled, all these people who hold the bonds have to do is pay the new administrator."

### Vow on Disclosure Law

The Washington Star-News

WASHINGTON, June 14 —

The Justice Department, prosecuting the Nixon campaign committee for concealing a \$200,000 cash donation from Mr. Vesco, has told a Federal court it should back up Congress's effort to plug the loopholes in campaign money laws.

"Let the word ring out clearly that this disclosure law will be enforced, that its plain language means precisely what it says," the Justice Department said.

The Nixon campaign has contended it did not need to report the Vesco cash, received three days after the law took effect last year, because the donation had been promised earlier. The Justice Department scoffed at that contention in written arguments filed yesterday.

The fight arises in the first court challenge to the new law. No decision in United States District Court is expected until later this month on the campaign group's motion for acquittal on the Justice Department charges filed in May. The Nixon campaign group had pleaded no contest in a previous case in January and was fined \$8,000.