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Costa Rica Vesco Ruling Upheld

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, July 24—The United States lost out today in its final bid to have financier Robert Vesco extradited from Costa Rica, to which he fled while under a federal indictment.

A court here today upheld a ruling by a judge last month that Vesco could not be extradited because the extradition treaty between

the U.S. and Costa Rica did not apply in his case.

The U.S. government, in its application for extradition, said Vesco had used the U.S. telegraphic system for attempted fraud. According to the extradition request, Vesco had sent a cable from the Bahamas to New York last year, directing the transfer of \$250,000 from his U.S. company's ac-

count to his personal account as expenses. The company refused to authorize the transfer.

Vesco, who is from New Jersey, is accused of having made an illegal \$200,000 contribution to the Nixon reelection effort last year while his business activities were being investigated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).