

New York

Fugitive financier Robert I. Vesco has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Manhattan for the third time in the continuing effort to have him extradited from Costa Rica or the Bahamas.

The sealed indictment that was filed last July 20 and opened yesterday charged that Vesco defrauded \$50,000 from the International Controls Corp. of Fairfield, N.J., which he once controlled.

The previous indictments

alleged attempted fraud. This charge was ruled out by a Costa Rica court as an extraditable offense and Bahama courts never acted on it.

The latest indictment charges actual fraud. Vesco was indicted last May with former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans on charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury — none of which are considered extraditable offenses.

The three defendants and Harry Sears, a prominent

New Jersey Republican, were accused of trying to influence a massive fraud investigation of Vesco in return for his secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's reelection campaign last year.

Vesco has been a fugitive since last February, dividing his time between his homes in Costa Rica and the Bahamas. At least two fugitive warrants are outstanding against him.

Stans and Mitchell are scheduled to go on trial January. Sears will be tried later.