

Vesco Seeks Argentine Residency

Buenos Aires

American financier Robert L. Vesco, who is fighting extradition from the Bahamas to the United States, has applied for an Argentine resident's visa, the government said yesterday.

Horacio A. Finoli, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said an application for residency status is before the National Migration office, "but I don't know if it has been approved."

Asked about a published report that Vesco was promised a permanent resident's visa and immunity from extradition during a meeting in Buenos Aires several weeks ago with Interior Secretary Benito Llambi, the spokesman said, "The minister never had an interview with Mr. Vesco. What's more, he's never seen him."

The spokesman said he would have to check further to determine whether anyone else might have offered immunity.

The U.S. is seeking the extradition of the New Jersey financier on a New York warrant charging him with embezzling \$50,000 from International Controls Corp., a firm he once headed.

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