

ARGENTINA OFFERS A HAVEN TO VESCO

**Judge Says He May Move
There Without Fear of
Extradition to U.S.**

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6 (Reuters)—Robert L. Vesco has been granted permission to live in Argentina, the press office of the Argentine judiciary announced here today.

The American financier has also been given a guarantee that if he takes up residence here he will not be liable to extradition, the announcement said.

It said the ruling had been issued by Argentine Federal Judge Luis Maria Rodriguez on Oct. 22. However, it was not made public until today.

The statement quoted the ruling by Judge Rodriguez as saying that any United States extradition request against Mr. Vesco connected with the Watergate scandal would be considered among the category of "common crimes connected with political crimes."

This category is not considered among the category of "common crimes connected with political crimes."

This category is not considered an extraditable offense under Argentine law.

Another Man Named

The statement said that an Argentine lawyer, Carlos Garcia, had lodged the residence request with the judiciary "in favor of the North American citizens Robert Lee Vesco and Ulric Strickler Scharter, allegedly implicated in the Watergate case."

It asked the judiciary to give assurances that any extradition request by the United States against the two men would not be granted and also to guarantee that they would not be imprisoned if the United States asked the Argentine authorities to detain them.

Judge Rodriguez's ruling said, "The two North Americans are covered by the rights and guarantees established for the inhabitants of the Argentine nation, since they have been duly authorized to take up residence in the country."

Denial Issued Earlier

Only last week, the Argentine Government denied published reports that it had granted a permanent resident visa to Mr. Vesco. A spokesman in Buenos

Aires declared that all consulates had been instructed not to grant Mr. Vesco any kind of visa should he apply.

The Argentine Government then disclosed that Mr. Vesco had visited Buenos Aires in October and that his attorneys did ask for exemption from arrest in any future extradition proceedings, but that his request was denied.

Mr. Vesco has been free on \$75,000 bond while he awaits a decision in Nassau, the Bahamas, on a United States extradition request based on charges that he defrauded a New Jersey concern of \$50,000.

Mr. Vesco also was indicted along with two former Cabinet officers, John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, in connection with a \$200,000 contribution he made to President Nixon's re-election campaign.