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Vesco Says He'd Testify In U.S. If--

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Fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco says he might come back to the United States to testify at an impeachment hearing if some deal could be worked out to prevent his being kept "a prisoner of grand juries and Senate hearings" for the next three years.

Vesco was interviewed on film January 9 in Costa Rica, and ABC News has announced it will broadcast the interview this evening. The network released excerpts of the interview yesterday.

Vesco said that enemies of President Nixon attempted to recruit him in late 1972 "as part of a well-calculated plan that already had been determined at that time as to how they were going to accomplish the impeachment of Nixon." He did not identify anyone.

"At that time," he said, "they had connived a game plan which involved securing the indictment of a Cabinet - level member, utilizing leaks to the press and were aggressively seeking cooperation of various people to help them in this game."

Vesco, who was indicted last May with former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, did not say how he learned of the so - called game plan or from whom.

Mitchell and Stans are scheduled to go to trial here next month on conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges. Vesco, who fled to Costa Rica and later the Bahamas, has successfully avoided extradition to answer the indictment and several government claims against him.

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