

New Law in Costa Rica Aids Vesco

San Jose, Costa Rica

The Costa Rican Congress has passed a law that no foreigner will be extradited on a simple request from abroad, and the measure is expected to help fugitive U.S. financier Robert L. Vesco remain in Costa Rica.

The measure was proposed by President Jose Figueres, a close friend and business associate of Vesco, who has a home here. Last year Costa Rican courts rejected two U.S. requests to extradite Vesco despite the extradition treaty between both nations.

Vesco is sought on fraud charges stemming from the sale of mutual funds. He is also a codefendant in a trial in New York along with former Attorney General John N. Mitchel and ex-Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans. They are accused of trying to help Vesco in the fraud charge investigation in exchange for a \$200,000 Vesco donation to the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign.

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