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U.S. Ambassador John P. Humes denied "categorically" yesterday that President Nixon had met Robert L. Vesco in the Austrian city of Salzburg during his 1972 stopover there on his way to the Moscow summit meeting.

Humes, a New York attorney who has contributed considerably to Mr. Nixon's campaigns for election and re-election to the presidency, was ambassador to Austria at the time Mr. Nixon stopped in Salzburg May 20-22, 1972. The ambassador and a greater part of his staff were on hand during the President's visit.

The report of a Vesco-Nixon meeting in Salzburg was made this week by Bernard Cornfeld, the deposed founder of the now-defunct IOS, Ltd., who lost control of the mutual fund complex to Vesco a few years ago.

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