

Report of Guns, Girls for Vesco

Washington

Government investigators have obtained information that weapons and call girls have been smuggled out of this country to fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco and his associates, several knowledgeable sources reported yesterday.

The weapons, described by one source as "enough guns for a small army," and prostitutes were flown secretly to Costa Rica aboard a private airplane, said the sources.

According to one source, the guns were reportedly used to arm the bodyguards who protect Vesco in his Costa Rican hideaway. President Nixon's nephew, Donald F. Nixon Jr., who has worked for Vesco since 1971, is also believed to be in Costa Rica with Vesco, the sources added.

Vesco is currently under federal indictment on charges stemming from a secret \$200,000 contribution he made to the President's re-election campaign in an alleged attempt to influence an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Evidence of the smuggling operation could be used to extradite Vesco from Costa Rica, the sources said.

The U.S. Customs Service acknowledged over the weekend it is conducting an investigation of possible violations of the so-called neutrality act by Vesco associates. The neutrality act prohibits the illegal exportation of arms and ammunition to other countries, a spokesman explained.

The call girls said to have been flown to Vesco were procured by a Los Angeles madam who uses the name Betty Alexander, according to one source. Police sources in Los Angeles acknowledged that federal law enforcement agents are searching for Miss Alexander.

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