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**Vesco to
Drug Deals**

Detroit

Fugitive financier Robert Vesco and his personal aide Donald Nixon Jr., nephew of the former president, are among the subjects of a federal grand jury investigation into a heroin smuggling operation, according to a subpoena.

The grand jury is involved in a "very delicate, quite explosive and very encompassing" probe of alleged narcotics smuggling," said Alwyn Eisenhower, 48, former personal pilot for Vesco.

Eisen hauer spoke ^{22 NOV} in a telephone interview Saturday after appearing before the grand jury on Friday. The subpoena was sent to Eisenhower and a photostatic copy was seen by an Associated Press reporter.

The subpoena ordered Eisenhower to bring all records, documents and other materials "relating to the heroin smuggling activities of Robert Vesco and Donald Nixon Jr. and others."

Representatives of the U.S. attorney's office in Detroit declined to comment on the case.

Vesco lives in Costa Rica, where he sought refuge after being charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission with milking Investors Overseas Services of \$224 million. At last report, Nixon was also living in Costa Rica.

The Justice Department charged Vesco with making an illegal \$200,000 contribution to former President Nixon's reelection

campaign in an alleged effort to influence the SEC investigation.

Eisenhower declined to reveal what he told the grand jury or much of what he learned about the nature of the probe. But he did say it involved "many people" and concerned drug traffic mainly between South America and Florida.

He said Assistant Attorney General Peter M. Rosen, who issued the subpoena last week, told him after his appearance Friday, "I don't want you talking about what you're talking about here."

The former Navy pilot said he "was led to believe the nature of the inquiry is so delicate" that his talking about the investigation "might blow the case."

Eisenhower, who lives in Denville, N.J. said Rosen told him he would have to remain silent on the inquiry for "at least six months."

The pilot, who ferried Vesco around in a Boeing 707 for four years until 1973, said he was shown mug shots of several people during his appearance before the grand jury, "and some I recognized." He said Vesco and Nixon were among the persons in the photographs.

Eisenhower said he didn't have any reason to think Nixon smuggled drugs. He said the nephew of former President Nixon was urged to leave a communal way of life in California and join Vesco's crew "because the President didn't want him to embarrass him."

He said young Nixon was a "nervous, confused rebel," who sometimes "spoke derogatorily of the President." He said Young Nixon once referred to his uncle as the "Great White expletive deleted in the White House."

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