

Notes on People by Laurie Johnston

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Robert L. Vesco, the indicted financier whose announcement in Costa Rica last year that he had given up his American citizenship has been disputed by the State Department, has become a citizen of Italy, according to an associate. Mr. Vesco fled four years ago to avoid prosecution on conspiracy and fraud charges that included contributing \$200,000 illegally to the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign and allegedly looting Investors Overseas Services of millions of dollars.

The United States consulate in Costa Rica has said it had no record that the 44-year-old former New Jersey resident had renounced his citizenship or turned in his passport. Alberto Abreu, an associate, told an interviewer in Costa Rica yesterday that Mr. Vesco had become an Italian citizen "legally," but added that he "eventually will become a Costa Rica citizen, once he has fulfilled the five-year residence."