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FBI Announces Arrest in Patterson Case

On 28 May the FBI announced the arrest of Bobby Joe Keesee, charging him with attempting to extort \$250,000 in connection with the mysterious disappearance in March of John Patterson, the U.S. Vice-Consul in Hermosillo, Mexico, who is still missing. (See the issue of 27 March, page 1.) Keesee, who has been involved in several bizarre international incidents over the past 12 years, most recently turned up in a group of American POW's returning from North Vietnam in March 1973. His surprise appearance appeared to confirm a September 1970 report by a charter pilot in Bangkok that an unidentified American commandeered his plane and forced him to land on a beach in North Vietnam. Keesee previously had stolen a plane and flown it to Cuba in 1962, and he was among 57 hostages held and released by Palestinian guerrillas in Amman, Jordan in 1970.

The FBI stated that there is no evidence linking Keesee with the disappearance of Patterson, who vanished on 22 March shortly after leaving the consulate in Hermosillo; nevertheless Keesee has been charged with "causing to be delivered" to the consulate a ransom note demanding \$250,000. (UNCLASSIFIED)