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DAN RATHER: Two Americans who jumped bail in the United States and were convicted in absentia for illegal arms deals have vanished from their exile haven in Beirut, and the possibility of foul play has been raised.

John Sheahan reports.

JOHN SHEAHAN: Frank Terpil and Gary Korkola are fugitives. Terpil is a former CIA agent wanted by federal authorities on charges on selling huge quantities of explosives to Libya and contracting to provide American Green Berets to train terrorists for Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. Still on the lamb, the two were attempting to open a restaurant in Beirut and were beginning to talk about themselves. They were interviewed by Mike Wallace for "60 Minutes."

MIKE WALLACE: Why is it, we asked Korkola, that U. S. authorities are so intent on getting hold of Frank Terpil.

GARY KORKOLA: Well, there's two sides of it. One, they want Frank back, and I think equally hard there's another group that doesn't want him back. They want him out of the way.

SHEAHAN: Last weekend Terpil and Korkola suddenly vanished. The last person known to have seen them in Beirut is Frank Terpil's wife of one year, Ruth.

RUTH TERPIL: Three men came to the restaurant and they wanted to talk to him. And that was the last time I saw him.

SHEAHAN: He just went with the three men?

MRS. TERPIL: Yes.