

According to the Mexican authorities, Leslie Fieger was arrested with his wife Cheryl at Mexico International Airport on November 25, 1973 when over fifteen lbs. of cocaine was found in their possession. Both were held at a detention centre during the initial investigation of the case. Mrs. Fieger was not charged. She was released on December 4 and deported to Canada. Leslie Fieger was consigned to Lecumberri prison on December 1, 1973 and charged with importation of drug into Mexico.

When they were visited by a Canadian consular officer on November 30, 1973, Mr. and Mrs. Fieger indicated that they did not wish the Canadian Embassy to be involved and Leslie did not wish their families to be informed.

Leslie and Cheryl Fieger retained the services of a Mexican lawyer unknown to the Embassy and made their own arrangements with him about the handling of the case and the fees.

Leslie's father, Mr. Al Fieger, enquired from the Department of External Affairs about his son after receiving an anonymous telephone call from Vancouver requesting \$10,000 for the defense of his son. Mrs. Fieger's parents in Calgary informed the Department that a similar telephone call was made to them making the same request for \$10,000.

On December 18, 1973, Mr. Al Fieger informed the Department that he was going to Mexico and that he would contact the Canadian Embassy. On January 7, 1974, he deposited \$2,500 with the Department on behalf of his son.

In the course of January 1974, a second Mexican lawyer informed our Embassy that he was acting on the Fiegers' behalf and