

DIPLOMAT'S SEIZURE LINKED TO EX-P.O.W.

SAN DIEGO, June 8, (UPI)—
A man who turned up as the only civilian among American prisoners of war released by North Vietnam has been indicted on charges that he set up the kidnapping of an American diplomat in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Bobby Joe Keesee, 40 years old, who has been involved in several international incidents, was indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges that he "aided, abetted, induced and caused" the kidnapping of John S. Patterson.

Mr. Patterson, 31, vice consul at Hermosillo, was kidnapped March 28, and there has been no sign of him since. Mr. Patterson's wife has attempted to pay a ransom but said she was unable to make the rendezvous.

Mr. Keesee was already under arrest in connection with the kidnapping. He was being held in the Orange County Jail on Federal Bureau of Investigation charges that he tried to extort \$250,000 from the government. He was arrested on that charge at his Huntington Beach home on May 28. At the time, the F.B.I. said he was not really connected with the kidnapping but had tried to take advantage of it to work a separate extortion scheme.

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