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the 1960s, an American businessman, Harry Stonehill, who had extensive operations in the country, was charged with tax evasion, smuggling, and corruption of public officials.

Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos dominated the country for two decades in the 1970s and 1980s under the so-called “conjugal dictatorship”, in the process greatly enriching themselves (by some estimates depositing as much as \$10 billion in foreign banks). The Marcos administration in the 1970s and early 1980s saw one scandal after another, including one that involved skimming 10–15% of Japanese Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund loans. Operation Big Bird, the attempt to recover the billions that the Marcoses stashed away in Swiss banks, failed to retrieve a dime.