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Nixon Did Meet With Hughes' Aide

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The White House acknowledged yesterday that President Nixon held an unannounced meeting at Camp David, Md., last year with a member of the Howard Hughes organization, but said campaign contributions were not discussed.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said Mr. Nixon "met, briefly -- maybe five or ten minutes -- at Camp David" last May with Richard G. Dauner, a Hughes aide.

Warren was asked about the meeting after The Washington Post reported that Mr. Nixon and Dauner met at a time when presidential friend C. G. (Bob) Roberts was appealing to the Hughes emissary to take back \$100,000 in cash campaign contributions.

Warren said Dauner's visit to Camp David was "a courtesy call to say hello."

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