

2d Hughes 'Will' Surfaces

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LAS VEGAS, May 11—A second purported Howard Hughes will, this one filed by officials of the corporation through which the late billionaire recluse ran his financial empire, was filed today with the county clerk here.

Serious doubt was cast almost immediately as to the authenticity of the latest will when an executive of the firm reportedly named as executor noted that the company had not been formed on the date of the will.

It bequeaths the Hughes estate to relatives, a variety of charitable causes and 10 "living Americans" identified only by Social Security numbers.

It does not state the total value of the estate.

The three-page, neatly handwritten document, dated June 22, 1969, was received in the mail today by the clerk's

office. It was addressed to the Summa Corp., care of Clark County clerk. The return address read "Hughes Tool Co., Houston, Tex."

Summa Corp. was set up by Hughes to run his multibillion-dollar holdings.

Assistant Court Clerk Elda Hanks said she turned the unopened envelope over to Summa executive Jim Cullen. The document was later filed by William Morse, a Nevada attorney for Summa, and Wayne Williams, a trust officer of the First National Bank of Nevada, Hughes' estate administrator in Nevada.

Although the document contained few, if any, of the misspellings apparent in a purported will delivered nearly two weeks ago by representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), at least two anomalies appear:

- Distribution "to all my blood rela-

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tives' is mentioned in two of the seven items of the document.

- The curious distribution of one-sixth of his estate to "10 living Americans" who are identified only by their Social Security numbers.

Arelo Sederberg, a spokesman at Summa Corp. headquarters in Los Angeles, said the company would have no comment on the authenticity of the will. But Sederberg pointed out that Summa was named in the document filed today as executor of Hughes' estate.

"I'm not going to say whether it's authentic or not, but I'm going to tell you that Summa Corp. wasn't formed until December of 1972," Sederberg said.

The final paragraph in the will states: "I appoint Summa Corp. as executor of this will. At the time of my demise, June 22, 1969." The

purported will contains the 1969 date on each of its three pages.

A spokesman for a Las Vegas law firm representing Summa said today that although one of the firm's partners read the will and deposited it with the Clark County clerk's office, the document was not filed in Summa's name.

The spokesman said no comment had been made by the firm on the will's authenticity. The firm, Morse, Foley and Wadsworth, represents Summa in Nevada, and also represents the First National Bank of Nevada, which was appointed temporary administrator of Hughes' affairs in the state after his death.

It was the second will to turn up since the death of Hughes April 5. He was believed to have holdings worth \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion.

The first will, filed in a Las Vegas court April 27 after mysteriously appearing at Mormon church headquarters in Salt Lake City, was a three-page, handwritten document dated March 19, 1968.

Though the source of the will has remained unknown, chief beneficiaries listed are the Howard Hughes Medical Foundation of Miami, four universities, the key men in Hughes' companies at the time of his death, the Mormon Church, Hughes' two former wives and a gas station operator from Willard, Utah, who said he once picked up Hughes in the Nevada desert.

Handwriting experts have given conflicting opinions about the authenticity of that purported will, which contained numerous misspellings and was somewhat vague in its directions.