

Hughes gave cash to 'own' Nixon: aide

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Howard Hughes gave \$100,000 in cash to Bebe Rebozo for President Nixon, and \$50,000 to then Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey because he wanted to "own the President," a former top aide to the billionaire recluse has charged.

The accusation was made by Robert Maheu, who is involved in a legal battle with Hughes.

In court depositions made public Tuesday, Maheu said two suitcases, each containing \$50,000 in cash, had been given to Rebozo, Mr. Nixon's close friend, in 1969 and 1970.

MAHEU SAID he gave Humphrey \$50,000 in cash during the 1968 presidential campaign, handing it to Humphrey as the vice president sat in a limousine outside the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

Hughes also acted to give Sen. Robert Kennedy \$25,000 that year, but Kennedy was assassinated before the money was delivered, so the cash went to Larry O'Brien, then Democratic national chairman, instead, Maheu said.

Maheu said Hughes wanted to "own the President, choose his successor, members of the Supreme Court, senators, con-

gressmen and politicians at all levels."

Maheu also referred to "a handwritten memorandum from Mr. Hughes wherein Mr. Hughes was asking me to make a million-dollar payoff to a President of the United States." The incident took place in 1967, Maheu said, but he gave no other details.

Lyndon B. Johnson was President in 1967.

Disaster-loan veto upheld

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Tuesday fell five votes short of overriding President Nixon's veto of a bill that would have provided liberalized government loans for victims of natural disasters. The vote was 59 to 36, short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Mr. Nixon said the expanded program was an "unnecessary expense" and a "backward march" for federal relief programs.

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