Senators Eye Hughes-Rebozo D

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tion two of America's most mys-hell brought Danner into his of-terious figures—phantom billio-fice and informed him of the fa-former Hughes executive, told made public by the court. naire Howard Hughes and Pres- vorable antitrust decision. ident Nixon's shadowy friend

crack investigator, Terry Lenz- an intermediary that he has me, Noah, I have to consider my and you said nothing, and you liminary findings behind closed money. doors. Here's what he told them:

estates at Key Biscayne, Fla., up. and San Clemente, Calif., in "If you can verify those facts," 1969 and 1970.

roved the sale of Air West to bozo.

A few weeks after the final brother, Donald. The loan was fon and Richard Lebar, the Senators would like to ques- attorney General John N. Mitc- appraised at \$13,000.

Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo— essentially, what we have writ-about their backdoor dealings. essentially, what we have writ-ten. The White House swore to ington to talk to Mr. Nixon, then vestigation . . ." The Senate Watergate com-us that President Nixon never Vice President, about the loan. mittee has-been quietly check- received the \$100,000. Danner "I tried to discourage him," ing into a column we wrote two swore the money was intended said Dietrich, "against taking investigated?" years ago about the strange as a campaign contribution and this loan for his brother. I told Hughes-Rebozo-Nixon relation- was never mentioned to Mitc- him, 'You can't keep this quiet. Danner. ship. Last week, the committee's, hell. And Rebozo swore through Too many people know.' He told ner, gave the senators his pre-never misused any campaign family ahead of my political ca-

As Lenzner ticked off his find-A Hughes henchman, Richard ings at the closed-door meeting, Nixon received the \$205,000 asked the attorney. Danner, slipped \$100,000 in: Vice Chairman Howard Baker loan, the Internal Revenue \$100 bills to Rebozo in two sepa- (R-Tenn.) expressed quiet disrate, \$50,000 packages, which may. He would like to end the us to the Howard Hughes Mediwere delivered directly to the Watergate investigation, but al Institute. Twice previously, President's cross-country new revelations keep bubbling the IRS had refused to treat the

he told Lenzner, "we have a The payments coincided whole new can or worms. Alter losely with two government det the meeting, other senators told une, 1969, President Nixon ap-mony from both Hughes and Re-

lughes. The following year, the Mr. Nixon first got entangled fustice Department reversed an with Hughes in December, 1956, ustice Department reversed an with Hughes in December, 1956, sentatives, Chester Dayis and anothing we can say," a spokes-ntitrust action which had bar- when the eccentric billionaire Mickey West, had a ringside man told us, "not even to conled Hughes from expanding his siphoned \$205,000 from a politlotel-casino empire in Las Ve- ical fund in Canada and loaned

us he tried to dissuade Richard "Mr. Chester Davis and Mr.

reer","

Service granted tax-exempt staastitute as a nonprofit organization.

By an interesting coincilence, IRS last year conducted the United States government?" an intensive tax investigation of Danner resulted by Bob Morgan, ne billionaire's Nevada opera- a Hughes financial officer. on but is now suing him.

When Danner was questioned heu is going on." the money to Mr. Nixon's by IRS field agents Donald Skel- @1973, United Feature Syntleste

\$50,000 delivery was made, then- secured by a vacant family lot Hughes people were present. banner has admitted this in a

Lenzner's findings confirm, Nixon from approving the loan. Mickey West were present," tes-

"Who," asked Maheu's attorney, Morton Galane, "was being

"Mr. Robert Maheu," said

"And Chester Davis was there were giving testimony against Robert Maheu? Is that what you'-A few weeks after Donald re testifying to, Mr. Danner

"That was substantially the situation," said Danner.

Galano also asked Danner who directed him to appear before the IRS agents "so that you can give sworn testimony to get Robert Maheu into trouble with

We asked the IRS about these Incredibly, two Hughes repre- strange circumstances. "There's seat at an IRS interrogation, firm that an investigation of Ma-