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Armed safecrackers operating with cool efficiency raided Howard Hughes' Hollywood office early yesterday, burning open two large safes, rifting personal files and escaping with about \$50,000 in cools \$60,000 in cash.

The gang bound, gagged and blindfolded a security guard and spent nearly four hours in Hughes, Productions, a two - story, warehouse - like building.

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Vesterday's raid was the third time since the first of the year that a Hughes office has been robbed or surglarized, suggesting the possibility that the three incidents might be connected and part of a plan. and part of a plan.