

Subpoenas in 'Hughes Gifts To Nixon'

Washington

The Senate Watergate Committee, investigating reports of cash contributions by Howard Hughes to President Nixon, has subpoenaed Key Biscayne hotel records relating to stays by 19 persons, including Mr. Nixon's brother Donald and the President's friend Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo.

Convicted Watergate conspirators G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr., and at least 11 present or former business associates of Hughes were named in the subpoenas served on four hotels.

Robert A. Maheu, a former chief lieutenant of Hughes, recently swore in a written deposition that the billionaire industrialist furnished \$100,000 in cash contributions to Mr. Nixon in 1969 and 1970.

Maheu, who gave the deposition in connection with a federal court libel suit he filed in Los Angeles against Hughes, said the contributions were accepted by Rebozo.

Hughes aide Richard Danner, whose name was cited in the senate committee subpoena, gave \$50,000 in cash to Rebozo at the western White House in 1969, according to Maheu. He said he and Danner gave another \$50,000 in cash to Rebozo in 1970 at Key Biscayne.

Others named in the subpoenas included:

Maheu and his son Peter; Robert R. Mullen, president of the Robert R. Mullen Co., which represents Hughes and which employed Hunt at the time he was arrested in the Watergate break-in; Robert Bennett, an officer of the Mullen Co.; Dean Elson, an ex-FBI agent who was on Hughes' payroll when Maheu was on the staff; William F. Gay, executive vice president of the Summa Corp., a Hughes firm; James Golden, a former security chief of Hughes' hotels in Nevada; Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun.

Paul Laxault, a Carson City attorney and former governor of Nevada; Ralph Winte, a Hughes employee; Jack Hooper and John Meier, former Hughes employees; Jack J. Cromar and Anthony Hatsis, and "any agents or representatives or designees of the committee to re-elect the president, the Hughes Tool Co. the Summa Corp., the Robert R. Mullen Co., and International Intelligence Inc. (Intertel).

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