

A Banker Confirms Big Nixon Deposit; Denies Hughes Link

MIAMI, Nov. 30 (Reuters)—An official of the bank headed by Charles G. Rebozo, a friend of President Nixon's, has confirmed that Mr. Nixon once had a \$100,000 certificate of deposit there but said it was unrelated to a cash contribution in the same amount from Howard Hughes.

The official, Thomas Wakefield, vice chairman of the Key Biscayne Bank, was quoted by The Miami Herald today as saying, "It's my understanding there's no relationship between that certificate of deposit and the \$100,000 from Hughes. There's just no link at all."

Mr. Wakefield said that the certificate in Mr. Nixon's name "was purchased sometime way back when he sold his apartment." Mr. Nixon has said that he sold his New York apartment for \$300,000 when he decided in 1968 to run for President.

Mr. Rebozo has said that he received the \$100,000 contribution from Mr. Hughes in 1970, kept it in a safe deposit box at the Key Biscayne Bank and returned it to a Hughes aide last June.

The office of Dade County State Attorney Richard Gerstein asked the bank this week to turn over records of savings certificates or trust accounts in the names of Mr. Nixon and nine other persons. On the list, besides Mr. Nixon, were his brother, Donald Nixon; Mr. Wakefield; Bahamian Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling; Herbert M. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's former attorney; Dwight L. Chapin, Maurice H. Stans, John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, former aides to Mr. Nixon, and Seymour Alter, a consultant to Paradise Island Casino near Nassau.