

Ervin Committee Names Witnesses

Washington

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee, announced yesterday that the panel's public hearings will resume at 10 a.m. Tuesday with the testimony of either Robert A. Maheu or Richard G. Danner.

Maheu is a former manager of billionaire Howard R. Hughes' gambling interests in Nevada and played a key role in transferring \$100,000 in cash from Hughes to C.G. (Bebe) Rebozo, President Nixon's close friend.

Danner, manager of the reclusive billionaire's Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, reportedly delivered the Hughes funds to Rebozo after Mr. Nixon became president.

Ervin said Rebozo will be called as a witness after Danner and Maheu testify. He will be followed by Thomas Wakefield, a lawyer who serves on the board of Rebozo's Key Biscayne, Fla., bank.

Another witness will be William Griffin, a lawyer associated with Robert Abplanalp, a Nixon and Rebozo friend. Sources say after the International Revenue Service asked Rebozo about the \$100,000 payment last spring, Rebozo called Griffin and discussed the potential tax problems of having held the money for three years without reporting it on his income tax returns.

James Coyle and Badia Rashid, Justice Department antitrust division lawyers said to have opposed Hughes' acquisition of the Dunes Hotel and casino in Las Vegas, also will be called.

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