HUGHES'S PAPERS STOLEN ON COAST

Burglars Ransack Office After Tying Up Guard

LOS ANGELES, June 5 — A security guard in Howard R. Hughes's Hollywood message center and office building was bound and gagged today by a group of men who then ransacked private papers and opened two safes, where they found about $60,000.

It was the third burglary in the last four months at a Hughes office building. In February, the Summa Corporation offices in Las Veges, Nev., were broken into and papers were taken. In April, a telephone conversation scrambler, a camera and a typewriter were taken from a Hughes office in Encino, Calif.

Mr. Hughes, who lives in seclusion in a hotel on Grand Bahama Island in the Bahamas, is involved in several legal disputes and is the target of a continuing investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mike David, a 40-year-old security guard at the Hughes Productions office building in a converted warehouse at 7020 Romaine Street, Los Angeles, was making his rounds when a gun was shoved against his back. He said he had a glimpse of men before he was bound, gagged and blindfolded. He told the police that he thought there were four or five men in the burglary group.

The burglars left about 4:45 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, after examining all the files that interested them. A police spokesman said Hughes staff members would not say what papers were missing.

Meanwhile, in Federal court here, the day's witness in the trial of Robert A. Maheu's defamation suit against Mr. Hughes's Summa Corporation was Nadine Henley, a private secretary who worked for Mr. Hughes for 34 years. Miss Henley's office is in the building that was burglarized.

Miss Henley said she was a senior vice president, a director and an executive committee member of the corporation. She was a defense witness to rebut Mr. Maheu's explanation that his overbilling for certain costs and services to Hughes companies developed because Mr. Hughes wanted him to have a higher income collected in this style.

Later clippings on Summa Corp burglary will be filed CIA.