

Publisher Fights Hughes File Order

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LAS VEGAS, Nev., June 11 (UPI)—Newspaper publisher H. M. (Hank) Greenspun launched a legal battle today to prevent a special task force of the Internal Revenue Service from seizing newspaper files on billionaire Howard Hughes.

Greenspun, publisher of The Las Vegas Sun, filed a motion with U.S. District Court seeking to quash a subpoena served by the IRS that orders him to turn over to the government newspaper documents on Hughes on Tuesday.

U.S. Judge Roger Foley did not immediately sign an order.

The motion to quash said the summons was in violation

of the First Amendment, as well as Nevada statutes, which protect newspapers from revealing sources. The summons ordered Greenspun to appear at the IRS office with the documents.

Two agents of the IRS showed up at Greenspun's office May 23, the day after a select Senate committee investigating Watergate was told of a plot to break into the publisher's Las Vegas office safe. Greenspun told a news conference that same day here that he had documents that showed Hughes' "game plan" for electing Presidents, senators and other politicians.