

Strange Theft Of Hughes Papers

Los Angeles

A grand jury returned a secret indictment yesterday in the burglary of papers that reportedly deal with a contract between Howard Hughes and the CIA to recover a sunken Soviet submarine, a source close to the investigation said.

The indictment was returned by a Los Angeles County grand jury after a

one-month investigation of a burglary at Hughes' Summa Corp. offices in Hollywood, the source said.

The indictment names only one person, the source said. He added that no arrest has been made.

The burglary occurred last June 5. All Summa officers have ever said publicly is that about \$60,000 in cash plus some art objects were

the only things missing.

The Los Angeles Times last month* quoted unnamed authorities as saying that a million-dollar ransom was asked for the purloined documents and that Summa officials began negotiations to scale down the demand. The Times said talks broke off and the case was brought before the grand jury.

* Associated Press
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For earlier stories on this burglary, see

NYT 8 Feb 75, "Extortion is Laid to Hughes Thieves,"
this file.

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