

# Aides' Log Shows How Howard Hughes Spent Day

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LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 19 (UPI)—The aides who tended Howard R. Hughes in the billionaire's waning days kept a meticulous log that noted what he did, minute by minute, down to when he sat down, ate or went to the bathroom.

United Press International obtained a copy of one segment of the log, giving details of four days in Mr. Hughes's life in 1972. The log was among thousands of documents seized by the Mexican police from his last hideaway, a hotel suite in Acapulco.

It showed that Mr. Hughes had spent most of his time watching movies and television and going to the bathroom. He died four years later of a kidney ailment.

In a two day period, Mr. Hughes saw five movies, mostly action adventure films—"Harper," "The Angry Breed," "Diamonds Are Forever," "Murderer's Row" and "The Silencers."

But Mr. Hughes did not always watch a movie all the way through, or at one sitting. He watched them reel by reel, and the log noted which reel he saw. As others with contact with Mr. Hughes noted, he kept irregular hours, often staying awake all night.

Copies of the seized documents were later turned over to John Meier, a former Hughes aide who is being sued in a Federal court in Salt Lake City by the Summa Corporation, the holding corporation that administers most of Mr. Hughes's \$2.5 billion estate.

Summa charges that Mr. Meier, who was Mr. Hughes's science adviser, used his position to purchase Nevada mining claims fraudulently for Mr. Hughes in 1968 and 1969. Summa is demanding that \$9 million be returned.

In two full days documented in the log, Mr. Hughes's diet consisted of three glasses of orange juice and three desserts:

Once he ate three and a half helpings of the dessert.

An example is the entry that begins with Mr. Hughes awakening at 1:15 A.M. to go to the bathroom, noted as "B.R." in the log. The day's schedule was:

Sunday, 11 June, 1972.

1:15 A.M.—b-r.  
1:40 A.M.—chair, TV.  
3:15 A.M.—b-r.  
3:35 A.M.—chair, screening "Harper."  
4:45 A.M.—b-r.  
5:00 A.M.—chair.  
6:40 A.M.—b-r.  
7:00 A.M.—chair, screening "The Angry Breed." Completed. OK to return "Gun for Hire."  
10:25 A.M.—b-r.  
10:50 A.M.—chair.  
11:55 A.M.—b-r.  
12:10 P.M.—chair, orange juice.  
2:05 P.M.—b-r. Finished "Diamonds Are Forever." Bed. Asleep.