

# A general briefing about Hughes in Nevada

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CARSON CITY — Former Gov. Paul Laxalt returned to Nevada from Washington this week after giving the Watergate committee what he called "a general briefing about (Howard) Hughes' history in Nevada, primarily his investments in gaming and mining."

He said when asked about the 1968 presidential campaign he told investigators "Hughes had made a contribution through the state committee for Nixon-Agnew."

Laxalt said the contribution totalled \$50,000.

He said the committee staff didn't suggest any impropriety and that to his knowledge there was none.

Laxalt said the committee is studying campaign practices and the question of the Hughes contributions to both Democrats and Republicans.

He said his feelings about the committee are mixed.

He declined comment on the resignation of Spiro Agnew.