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**Rebozo Says He Switched Cash
From Hughes to New Envelopes**

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. — Charles G. Rebozo, President Nixon's close friend, changed envelopes containing a \$100,000 campaign contribution from Howard Hughes to avoid "additional problems" for the President's re-election campaign, according to sworn testimony by Mr. Rebozo filed in Federal court here today.

In statements given under oath to lawyers for Common Cause, the citizens group that is suing the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President, Mr. Rebozo said he had switched the envelopes containing \$100,000 in cash "when confusion arose in the Hughes organization and it looked like we might have to change signals."

The money was in two envelopes, each containing \$50,000 in \$100 bills, according to Mr. Rebozo. He also said there originally was a note on one

of them, stating that the money should be turned over to Mr. Nixon's campaign manager or finance chairman — when named—if anything should happen to Mr. Rebozo.

But when the Hughes organization was disrupted with the dismissal of one of Howard Hughes's top aides, Robert Maheu, Mr. Rebozo took the

money out of the original envelopes and put them in new ones, according to his deposition. The new envelopes identified the source of the money only with an "H. H." written in one corner, Mr. Rebozo said.

When asked why he had changed the envelopes, Mr. Rebozo replied, "because it was pretty obvious that problems arose out there [in the Hughes organization] and I wouldn't want to create any additional problems that would be embarrassing to the campaign."

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