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APRIL 17, 1973, FROM 5:20 TO 7:14 P.M.

PRESIDENT: Let me ask you this, uh, (pause). Legal fees will be substantial (unintelligible). It is not important, it (unintelligible)--John Dean is a lawyer (unintelligible) (tape noise) funds for, uh, basically (tape noise) there are (unintelligible). (Tape noise) But there is a way we can get it to you, and uh,--two or three hundred thousand dollars. (Unintelligible) Huh? No, no. Now, let me tell you now. I know the problems with families and all the rest. Just let me handle it. Now how could we do it?

EHRlichman: Let's, let's wait and see if its necessary, this--that whole thing, I, I, it may not be nec--. This guy is like he's doing a public service coming over here right now and he'd probably be...

PRESIDENT: Let me say, it would be investigations, legal, that will lead,--you will find that you, you have to do it in cash.

EHRlichman: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: That you got a civic, you got, you got a government duty. (Unintelligible) important thing.

HALDEMAN: (Unintelligible)

PRESIDENT: (Unintelligible - stuttering) No strain. Doesn't come outta me. I didn't, I never intended to use the money at all. As a matter of fact, I told B-B-Bebe, uh, basically, be sure that people like, uh,-- who, who have contributed money over the contributing years are, uh, favored and so forth in general. And he's used it for the purpose of getting things out, paid for in check and all that sort of thing.

HALDEMAN: Um hum. Um hum.

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PRESIDENT:

Very substantial. Uh, Bebe could, uh, we could, uh, if this is available and, uh,-- I had thought that we'd just throw it in the campaign of '74 with you handling it. Sure. We probably, will make the candidates who are gonna be around in '74.

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# Howard Hughes—Hidden Kingmaker

By Jack Anderson

LAS VEGAS—The private papers of phantom billionaire Howard Hughes reveal how he attempted to manipulate both presidential candidates in 1968.

Although the papers are still under court seal in Nevada, we have had access to them. Here are the highlights:

• Hughes directed his former factotum, Robert Maheu, to help Richard Nixon win the presidency "under our sponsorship and supervision." Maheu allegedly siphoned off \$100,000 from the Silver Slipper, a Hughes gambling emporium, for Nixon's campaign. The money was delivered by Richard Danzer, a Hughes exec, to Bebe Rebozo, a Nixon confidant.

• At the same time, Hughes suggested that Maheu should "get word to (Hubert Humphrey) on a basis of secrecy that is really, really reliable that we will give him immediately full, unlimited support for his campaign to enter the White House." An immediate \$10,000 contribution was supposed to have been made. Although Humphrey heard Maheu had contributed to his campaign, there's no record the \$10,000 was ever received.

• Hughes' lieutenants also offered to subsidize Larry O'Brien to be could serve without pay as Democratic National Chairman during the 1968 campaign. Humphrey acknowledged that the offer was made,

and O'Brien confirms that he was sounded out by Maheu in 1968. But both insist O'Brien never drew a dime from the Hughes interests during the campaign. Several months later, however, he was retained by Hughes for a "substantial sum." Humphrey's son, Robert, was also employed by a Hughes company as a sales representative.

### Money on Nixon

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While Hughes was supporting Richard Nixon, he also courted Hubert Humphrey. The secretive billionaire hoped to use Humphrey, then vice president, to stop nuclear testing in Nevada.

"Bob," Hughes instructed Maheu, "there is one man who can accomplish our objective thru (Lyndon) Johnson—and that man is HHH." That is when the Hughes offer of aid to Humphrey came up.

### HHH Helps Hughes

The billionaire's secret, hand-scrawled instructions indicate that Humphrey's help had been received. Hughes sought "a cover from LBJ inspired by Humphries" to halt all Nevada testing or, at least, a 60-day delay to give him more time to prepare a case against the tests.

"I can't say completely," Hughes wrote Maheu on April 10, 1968, "with telling the V. P. that he is free to tell the people in Washington if they don't grant the 60-day delay, I

am going to the public immediately."

He threatened to make public scientific evidence that the tests may have triggered an earthquake.

"Bob," Hughes added, "I leave this whole campaign in your hands. I am sure you should personally go to the White House after we have obtained the 60-day delay and endeavor to sell the President on a permanent policy. I am sure HHH would be glad to go with you and act in the appointment."

Maheu suggested that a personal message from Hughes to the President would be more effective. Replied Hughes on April 24: "You know I am perfectly willing to write a short personal message to Johnson, which we could ask Humphries to deliver—hand delivered—in Johnson's office."

"If it was felt it would be more prudent, I could ask if to deliver it. In that way, it need not interfere with anything Humphries has done."

"I feel we must start a negotiation with the AEC, just as if we were negotiating a business deal. I think we can get thru Humphries."

Humphrey, whose last name the billionaire could never get straight, acknowledged to us that he had opposed the Nevada tests. But he had taken this position, he said, before the approach from the Hughes people.

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THE WASHINGTON POST  
January 18, 1973

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sources. We also talked to Danner, but he refused all comment. Rebozo never takes our calls.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

## Hughes Probe Touches White House

By Jack Anderson

Two federal agencies investigating the elusive billionaire Howard Hughes have discovered, to their discomfort, tracks leading right up to the White House steps.

The Internal Revenue Service has turned up evidence that \$100,000 was siphoned from the Silver Slipper, a Hughes gambling emporium, for Richard Nixon's 1968 campaign. And the Securities and Exchange Commission has learned that the President's brother, Don Nixon, played a part in Hughes' maneuvers to take over the airline, Air West.

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Our information was based on access to Hughes' private papers. On March 14, 1968, Hughes scribbled confidential instructions to Robert Maheu, then his chief henchman:

"I want you to go to see Nixon as my special confidential emissary. I feel there is a really valid possibility of a Republican victory this year." The phantom billionaire suggested that Nixon could win "under our sponsorship and supervision every inch of the

way." We found no evidence, however, that Hughes sponsored the Nixon campaign beyond the \$100,000 contribution.

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### Don Nixon's Role

The Securities and Exchange Commission, meanwhile, is investigating reports that Hughes manipulated the stock of Air West to bring pressure on the directors to sell him the airline. Because the board was divided over whether to sell, it is alleged, Hughes persuaded some big stockholders to dump their stock, promising to make good their losses. This allegedly drove down the price of the

stock, and the board, in panic, voted to sell.

SEC investigators learned that Maheu, in Hughes' behalf, made the first approach to Air West through Don Nixon. Maheu, summoned to Washington for secret questioning, acknowledged Nixon's role in the deal. He said that another Hughes' executive, John Meier, had made the arrangements with Nixon, who had put Maheu in touch with a board member.

Maheu denied to the SEC, however, that the President's brother had been paid a finder's fee. Don Nixon's involvement with Hughes in the Air West deal could revive the old story about the \$205,000 loan Don received from the billionaire back in 1956. The loan was secured by a mortgage on a small Whittier, Calif., lot that no bank would have accepted as security for a loan of that size. The loan, so far as we can learn, was never repaid.

We reached Maheu, who had no comment, but couldn't reach Don Nixon.

It will be interesting to watch, meanwhile, whether the IRS and SEC will be willing to go ahead with investigations that could embarrass their boss in the White House.

### Under the Dome

Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.) borrowed 25 pistols that had

been seized from potential hijackers to show recently on a New York TV station to promote his anti-hijacking bill. On the return flight to Washington, he decided to check airport security for himself and stuffed the pistols in his hand luggage. He got all 25 pistols aboard, no questions asked.

Some senators are jealous of Senate Majority Whip Bob Byrd (D-W.Va.), who arranged a private briefing on Vietnam from William Sullivan, the Deputy Secretary of State, who participated in the Paris negotiations. The senators assumed that Byrd, as one of the Senate leaders, needed the briefing for some deep foreign affairs debate. All he wanted, it turned out, was to make a good impression on a TV panel show.

When future historians examine Sen. Ted Kennedy's treasured papers, they'll find a touching, handwritten letter from Caroline Kennedy, the late President's daughter. In it, she asks her Uncle Ted, the last of the brothers, to be her godfather. . . . Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) was so afraid of airplanes that he refused to fly until he began serving on the Senate Space Committee. Then he decided that if astronauts could risk going to the moon, he could risk flying to Connecticut.

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APRIL 25, 1973, FROM 4:40 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

HALDEMAN: (Unintelligible) you can't move in on immediate clemency. You probably may not be able to do it. But in clemency there can be compassion, not, not concern with, with cover-up.

PRESIDENT: Also say, we can say we talked about,-- said (unintelligible) it just won't work. (Unintelligible-with tape noise). We didn't furnish any money, thank God.

HALDEMAN: Right.

PRESIDENT: Remember I told you later that I could get a 100,000?

HALDEMAN: That makes--that rings a bell cause you talked about Rose having some money or-- something. I remember that.

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APRIL 25, 1973, FROM 11:06 A.M. TO 1:55 P.M.

PRESIDENT: Let me ask you this, to be quite candid.  
Is there any way you can use cash?

EHRlichman: I don't think so.

HALDEMAN: I don't think so.

PRESIDENT: As I said, there're a few, not much (unintelligible) as much I think as 200 there's available in '74 campaign already.

HALDEMAN: That compounds the problem. That really does.

PRESIDENT: That's what I think. Okay. I'd just like you to know that.

MARCH 21, 1973, FROM 10:12 TO 11:55 A.M.

DEAN: That's right. It's a real problem as to whether we could even do it. Plus there's a real problem in raising money. Uh, Mitchell has been working on raising some money. Uh, feeling he's got, you know, he's got one, he's one of the ones with the most to lose. Uh, but there's no denying the fact that the White House, and uh, Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Dean are involved in some of the early money decisions.

PRESIDENT: How much money do you need?

DEAN: I would say these people are going to cost, uh, a million dollars over the next, uh, two years.  
(Pause)

PRESIDENT: We could get that.

DEAN: Uh, huh.

PRESIDENT: You, on the money, if you need the money, I mean, uh, you could get the money. Let's say--

DEAN: Well, I think that we're going--

PRESIDENT: What I mean is, you could, you could get a million dollars. And you could get it in cash. I, I know where it could be gotten.

DEAN: Uh, huh.

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February 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. EHRLICHMAN

BeBe Rebozo has been asked by the President to contact J. Paul Getty in London regarding major contributions.

BeBe would like advice from you or someone as to how this can legally and technically be handled. The funds should go to some operating entity other than the National Committee so that we retain full control of their use.

BeBe would appreciate your calling him with this advice as soon as possible since the President has asked him to move quickly .

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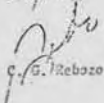
Dear Herb:

Enclosed find an additional check in the amount of \$500.00. This will at least take care of the \$320.00 statement which you now have.

Over the weekend, I spoke with John Shalichem and explained to him that it had been decided that the larger balance which I mentioned to you will be kept here in order to take care of frequent administration-connected needs which arise from time to time. Let me know, if you need more help.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

  
J. Rebozo

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