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Sc 1 Californian Howard Hughes, millionaire plane-manufacturer and airline-owner, shows investigating senators where the money went, as inquiry opens into his wartime contracts. Recognizing that big planes cost big money, the American public wonders what else lies behind the Court investigation—Political motive is suspected; as Hughes, ~~in~~ in testimony, *refers to a lunch-party conversation.*

Sc 11 Senator Brewster, Inquiry Chairman, denies the accusation...

Sc 12 But Hughes returns to the attack!

15 Claiming the object to be *to discredit* ~~political smearing~~ of President Roosevelt's administration, Hughes rattles the Committee...

Sc 17 (after Hughes says "with a cannon")

*Having alleged* ~~that~~ that Hughes gained contracts through favours *to* ~~shown~~ the son of the late President, the Committee loses ground, as Elliott Roosevelt *himself* questions witnesses.

On this note, America hopes, ends an investigation which  
reflects no credit on Congressional authority.

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August 5, 1947

1. TITLE: ACT TWO: WASHINGTON'S BIG SHOW!  
Spotlight in \$40,000,000 'drama' shifts to Elliott Roosevelt and John Meyer, Hughes' publicity man.....
2. The Washington stage is occupied by John Meyer, press agent for Howard Hughes. Meyer's stories of gay entertainment and lavish expenditures highlight "act two" a senatorial investigation drama. Behind the scenes there are harsh feelings between committee chairman Owen Brewster and Hughes, absent in California as the capital hearings began.

But now the cameras are focused on Senator Ferguson's subcommittee -- and on Elliott Roosevelt, who hears Meyer testify that he spent over five thousand dollars entertaining Roosevelt and his friends while Hughes was securing a 22 million dollar contract on Elliott's recommendation.

Then Roosevelt himself explains his recall from overseas in 1943. Stating he returned with fifteen hundred dollars in accumulated army pay, he continues....(Talk)

But overshadowing the lighter moments are the hearing's grimmer aspects.....(Talk)

Young Roosevelt also upbraided those he thought might thus be attempting to smear F.D.R. Next, the committee awaited testimony from Howard Hughes, whose F-Eleven photo reconnaissance plane never saw war action, but touched off new excitement for the 41-year-old sportsman-capitalist. Howard Hughes -- key figure in act three of Washington's big show!

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August 8, 1947

PART III

20. Hughes, claiming that political motives lay behind the investigation, tells of an alleged statement by Committee investigator Flanagan to Mr. Dietrich a Hughes Company executive.....(SOUND)
23. Now Francis D. Flanagan, the Committee's assistant Counsel, and supposedly the author of the "get Roosevelt" statement has this to say: (SOUND)
25. Two days of charge and countercharge reach a hopeless deadlock.
27. A weary witness faces an equally weary committee. Worn out with contradictory sworn statements, with nobody willing to budge, agreement is reached on one point at last. Both sides agree to abandon the purely personal issues. The Hughes versus Brewster battle of words and wills ends in a vacuum of frustration. After a night's sleep, however, the hearings will continue. But testimony will bear on aircraft - and on what has happened to 40 million dollars worth of airplane contracts! Questions all Americans want answered - from both sides!

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August 22, 1947

1. TITLE: PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SUBTITLE: HUGHES SHOWS THE EVIDENCE

2. Wilmington, California--Senator Harry Cain is the guest of Howard Hughes on an inspection tour of the HK-one, the \$25,000,000 flying boat, exhibit A of the Senate War Investigating committee. A member of the committee now probing Hughes' wartime contract, the Senator sees for himself the eight-engined, 200 ton airplane. Built mainly of plywood, it has a wingspread of 320 feet. Greatly impressed by the size of the giant ship, the Senator later declared that, "If the great plane flies, it will have achieved the impossible in our lifetime."