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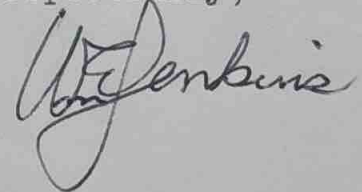
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Dear Staff:

For many years now, from time to time, someone when writing about Howard Hughes will mention the fact it was uncertain just when reclusivity became one of his "trademarks!" It's quite possible your paper has a good clue in your "morgue" there, if it dates back to 1943!

That was the year that Hughes "dipped" an experimental amphib plane into Lake Mead, and it sank in about 100 ft. of water! I was an interim "clearance-officer" at the time, at the Boulder City Airport. I was with Dutch Darrin's UNMFA project, (United Nations Military Flight Academy). The "crash" occurred shortly after a morning take-off. Several of the ol' TWA group from the station at the B.C. Airport know the strong points of the story better than I, I'm sure. Perhaps they're all gathered in the Big Hangar in the sky by this time! After all, we're talking about almost a half-century ago!!! Ol'timers there now can tell you that little "BC" was truly a pleasant place to work & live!

Respectfully,



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