Baker Lawyers Deluge Court With Many Pretrial Motions By Richard Harwood | newspapers in the Washington edge | by Government

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Lawyers for Robert G. (Bobtrial motions yesterday.

They asked that FBI Direc-Government agents be pro-Edward Bennett Williams, over for inspection secret tape have been supplied to the de-recordings of Baker conversa- fense and to the court. The other motions made by tions that were made by a Thus far, the FBI has turned

counts on which Baker was indicted, requested access to Federal grand jury minutes, and argued that Baker's right and invalidated his indicated that Baker's right dictment.

The law, said Williams to an "unbiased" judgment by Violation Conceded the grand jury had been impaired by "venomous, deleterious invective" published by

held by Judge Gasch.

Hoover's presence as a pretor J. Edgar Hoover and other trial witness is essential, said Judgment Withheld duced as witnesses before the chief counsel for Baker, to re-duced as witnesses before the chief counsel for Baker, to re-baker case goes to trial. They weal whether all of the Baker of the rules on such matters asked that the Justice Depart conversations monitored by but withheld judgment, ment be instructed to turn the FBI from 1962 to 1964. The other motions were

Government informant. over transcripts of 22 "bugged" ple, that four counts in the missal of seven of the nine was a participant. It is Baker's cause each of them accused

The Justice Department one crime. ed Baker's rights under the one crime was alleged in each Fourth Amendment but de-nies that the recordings in question were related in any tions are to be argued today way to his indictment in Jan-beginning at 10 a.m. uary for fraud, theft, income tax evasion and conspiracy.

One recording mystery remains unresolved, however, It involves recordings made by an unknown informant who consented to bug his own con-versations with Baker and turn the material over to the Government.

Justice Department Attorney William O. Bittman conceded that such recordings exist and that they may contain evidence that will be used at Baker's trial.

Williams urged the Court yesterday to make this material available to Baker for preparation of his defense. Bittman argued against the motion on grounds that Baker was entitled only to recordings made without his knowl-

newspapers in the Washington edge by Government emarca. ployes—FBI agents, for exam Each of the defense motions ple. Recordings made by an by) Baker deluged Federal was resisted by the Govern unpaid informant, on the oth-Judge Oliver Gasch with pre- ment, and rulings were with- er hand, can be withheld by trial motions vesterday. held by Judge Gasch. the Government, Bittman said.

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clearly says that each count in an indictment must state only

Bittman replied that only