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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ASKED THE U. S. COURT OF APPEALS TODAY TO PERMIT THEM TO USE CERTAIN "BUGGED" CONVERSATIONS OF HIGH DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS AGAINST SIX MEN CHARGED WITH BURGLARIZING AND BUGGING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

JUDGE JOHN J. SIRICA RECESSED THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT TRIAL OF THE SIX WHILE THE PROSECUTION TRIED TO GET SIRICA'S EARLIER RULING AGAINST ADMISSION OF THE CONVERSATIONS OVERTURNED IN THE HIGHER COURT. THE CONVERSATIONS PURPORTEDLY WERE OVERHEARD BY THE DEFENDANTS ON EAVESDROPPING EQUIPMENT.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAVE ARGUED AGAINST USE OF THE ACTUAL CONTENT OF THE CONVERSATIONS, CONTENDING THAT THE MERE FACT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE INTERCEPTED IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROSECUTION.

DURING THE RECESS, ONE OF THE FOUR DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, HENRY B. ROTHBLATT, INDICATED THAT THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND THE FOUR DEFENDANTS HE REPRESENTS OVER HANDLING OF THE CASE. THERE ARE "NEGATIVE THINGS IN THE AIR," ROTHBLATT SAID.

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LAWYERS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE WHO INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENSE IN THE ISSUE ASKED THE APPELLATE COURT ASKED THE COURT TO UPHOLD SIRICA'S MOTION TO DENY USE OF THE CONVERSATIONS.

DEMOCRATIC COUNSEL R. SPENCER OLIVER SAID DISCLOSING THE CONVERSATIONS, MANY OF WHICH WERE PERSONAL IN NATURE, WOULD BE AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION OF PRIVACY.

"GOSSIP IS THE POETRY OF POLITICS," SAID CHARLES W. MORGAN, ANOTHER LAWYER FOR THE DEMOCRATS. "WE WANT THESE FOLKS (WITNESSES), WHO WOULD TESTIFY TO THE CONVERSATIONS, QUIETED AND SHUT UP."

BUT GOVERNMENT LAWYERS ARGUED BEFORE THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL THAT THEY MIGHT NEED TO REVEAL "RELEVANT" MATERIAL FROM THE CONVERSATIONS TO PROVE THEIR CASE.

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