

Trial Hears G.O.P. Got Wiretap Data

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 — The Government's principal witness in the Watergate trial testified today that he had delivered information gleaned from an illegal wiretap to President Nixon's political organization.

But the witness, Alfred C. Baldwin 3d, swore that although he had twice written down the name, he could not remember the identity of the official to whom the material had been addressed.

Mr. Baldwin, a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who has received immunity from prosecution, said that he monitored a wiretap on a telephone in the offices of the Democratic National Committee last May and June.

His testimony was resumed in United States District Court here after a one-day interruption caused by a dispute on whether Mr. Baldwin should be allowed to discuss the contents of conversations that he had overheard.

Appeals Court Rules

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled this morning that he should neither say what he had heard nor name anyone outside the Democratic offices who had talked over the tapped phone.

Mr. Baldwin has said that he was hired to monitor the tap by James W. McCord Jr., a defendant who was security coordinator for the Committee for the Re-election of the President at the time the eavesdropping occurred.

Seymour Glanzer, an Assistant United States Attorney who examined Mr. Baldwin, brought out that on most occasions Mr. McCord collected the wiretapping & summaries, or logs. The prosecutor then asked whether there had been any exception.

"Yes," the witness replied. "On one occasion I delivered the logs that covered a two-day period to the Committee for the Re-election of the President."

The testimony continued as follows:

Q. How did that come about?
A. I received a phone call from Mr. McCord. He was in Miami, Fla., at the time, and he instructed me to take the logs to the Committee for the Re-election of the President in view of the fact that he was being delayed in Miami.

Q. And do you recall what period of time we're talking about?
A. Approximately June 6 or 7. It was a Wednesday of that week.

Q. Can you tell us what Mr. McCord's instructions were to you and how it came about he gave you the instructions?
A. The instructions were to take the logs, place them inside a manila envelope, to then staple the envelope and over the staple put Scotch tape. He then furnished me a name. I wrote the name down on a piece of paper, later transcribed that name to the envelope.

Q. As you sit there now, do you recall the name of that person or the name given to you to put on there, if there is such a person?
A. I do not.

Q. Do you know of your own personal knowledge who the logs were delivered to ultimately?
A. No, I do not.

Q. Where did you deliver the logs in the envelope?
A. I delivered them to a guard at the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Q. And you left it with the guard?
A. That is correct. The building was closed.

Mr. Baldwin said that he and Mr. McCord had monitored the wiretap by themselves from a room in the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, directly across the street from the Watergate office building occupied by the Democrats.

The witness added that the Howard Johnson's room had also been visited by the second defendant, G. Gordon Liddy, then counsel to the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President and a former White House aide.

Says Hunt Was Visitor

Another visitor, Mr. Baldwin testified, was E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former White House consultant who pleaded guilty last week to the charges of conspiracy, burglary and eavesdropping.

Four defendants from Miami named in the indictment — Bernard L. Barker, Frank A. Sturgis, Eugenio R. Martinez and Virgilio R. Gonzalez—entered guilty pleas early this week.

Mr. Baldwin, whose account was published in the Los Angeles Times last October, again described his attempts to warn Mr. McCord and the four Miamians when they were inside the Democratic headquarters early on the morning of June 17.

He said that from the room in the Howard Johnson's he had seen lights go on on the floor above the party offices and had reported the news by walkie-talkie to the five men. They replied that it was only a 2 A.M. check by the Watergate security guard. Later, Mr.

Baldwin said, he saw three men, dressed in casual civilian clothes and carrying pistols, on a balcony outside the offices.

"Are our people dressed in suits or casual?" he said that he asked, over the walkie-talkie. Mr. Baldwin said that the reply was that the men were in suits.

"Well, you've got some trouble here, because you've got some people in casual clothes with guns drawn," he said that he reported. He testified that later he heard someone whisper, "They've got us."

While the arrests were under way, two men emerged from the Watergate. One of them was Hunt, Mr. Baldwin said, and the other looked like Mr. Liddy, but it was impossible to be certain.

The two men got into an automobile. Later, Mr. Baldwin said, Hunt returned to the Howard Johnson's room to make a telephone call and to tell Mr. Baldwin to take the wiretaping equipment to Mr. McCord's house.

Arguments Rejected

Rejecting arguments by the Government, the appeals court held in today's ruling that "proof of the contents of intercepted telephone conversations is not required to prove the charges for which the defendants are on trial."

Charles Morgan Jr., an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer representing Democratic officials, had pointed out that the defendants were not accused of divulging the contents of the conversations.

The Government, which had contended that disclosure was essential to prove that wiretapping had been successful, has until Monday to decide whether to appeal today's decision.

Judge John J. Sirica, noting that Federal employes had received the afternoon off because of the inauguration tomorrow, adjourned the trial just after noon. He said that the sequestered jurors would be allowed to watch the parade from their quarters in the courthouse.

Hunt's Lawyer Gets Cash

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 AP)—The \$10,585 in cash found in the purse of the wife of E. Howard Hunt after she was killed in a plane crash has been released to a lawyer representing her husband, the Cook County Coroner's office said today.

Dorothy L. Hunt was killed Dec. 8 when a United Air Lines jet crashed while making a landing approach to Midway Airport here.