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## Agent Says

WASHINGTON —(AP) — A former FBI agent who said he monitored Democratic calls for President Nixon's campaign committee, testified today he stood on a motel balcony and radioed a warning before five men were arrested inside Democratic Party headquarters last June 17.

The witness was Alfred C. Baldwin 3d. As he resumed his testimony, which had been interrupted Wednesday by a legal dispute over whether he could reveal the content of the wiretapped conversations he said he overheard, the U. S. Court of Appeals issued a ruling banning any admission of the content of the calls.

Baldwin testified that James W. McCord Jr., one of the two remaining defendants in the political espionage case, assembled various electronic equipment in Baldwin's hotel room across the street from Democratic headquarters in the Watergate building on the evening of June 16, 1972.

Later, he said, McCord gave Baldwin a walkie-talkie radio and asked Baldwin to call if he saw anything unusual.

McCord then left the room, saying he was going across the street, Baldwin said.

Baldwin said he first radioed an alert to men across the street in the Watergate office building when he saw lights go on on the seventh floor, but he said he was told in reply that this was only a routine light check.

Next, Baldwin said he saw lights go on on the sixth floor and an automobile pulled up to the Watergate building. He said three men got out of the car and went inside.

Then, Baldwin said, he saw two men come out onto a balcony outside Democratic party headquarters on the Watergate's sixth floor with guns drawn.

"I asked whether our people were dressed in suits or in casual clothes," Baldwin said. He said the message came back that the men were wearing suits.

"I said we've got some trouble here then because there are gentlemen on the balcony in casual clothes with guns drawn," Baldwin said.

Baldwin said that from his vantage point on a balcony outside his motel room he also saw uniformed policemen arriving at the Watergate.

Then Baldwin said he saw two men come out of an alleyway beside the Watergate office building and get into a car parked nearby. Baldwin identified one of the men as E. Howard Hunt Jr., who pleaded guilty last week, shortly after the Watergate trial opened.

"The other gentlemen looked to be Mr. Liddy (G. Gordon Liddy) the other remaining defendant, but I can't absolutely certain of that," Baldwin said.

A few minutes after he saw the two men leaving the Watergate office complex, Baldwin

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testified, Hunt came into the room where he was at the Howard Johnson motel, used the bathroom and made a phone call. Baldwin said he asked what to do with the electronic equipment in the room and Hunt said to pack it up.

"As he departed I made a remark," Baldwin said "I asked whether this meant that I was out of a job at this point?"

Baldwin said he packed up the equipment and put some of it into McCord's truck and his own suitcases into his car.

"I phoned Mrs. Hunt and told her there had been some trouble . . . I also told her not to worry, that a lawyer had been called." After he saw the two men leaving the building, seven floors below his own vantage point from across the street, Baldwin said he heard a voice over his radio whispering "They've got us."

The judge ordered the remark stricken when Baldwin said he was unable to identify who made the statement.

The prosecution has raised the suggestion that there was a blackmail motive behind the bugging of the Democratic headquarters.

The appeals court, on a 3-2 vote, agreed with the Democrats whose phone calls were overheard that they should be protected from public disclosure of their illegally wiretapped personal conversations. But the court said the government could use other evidence connected with the tapping.

"Nothing in this order will preclude the admission of evidence as to the telephones in the Democratic headquarters which may have been tapped, or evidence as to the persons in Democratic headquarters using such telephones during intercepted conversations," the appeals court said.

Baldwin picked up his testimony where he left off Wednesday, saying he regularly monitored calls over a bugged Democratic phone.

Earlier in the week, Baldwin had said McCord picked up daily logs of the calls he overheard, but today Baldwin said he delivered one report directly to the Committee for the Re-election of the President when McCord was out of town.

Baldwin said he was instructed by McCord to take the log, place it inside a manila envelope,

staple the envelope closed and place tape over the staples.

A name was given to the person to whom the envelope was addressed, Baldwin said, but he could not remember the name. He said he delivered the envelope to a guard at the Nixon campaign headquarters.

On one occasion, Baldwin said, he was directed by McCord to reconnoiter the Democratic offices. Baldwin said he was given "a royal tour" when he posed as the nephew of Connecticut Democratic leader John Bailey.

Baldwin said he reported back to McCord with a rough sketch of the office floorplan and the information that Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien was away in Miami.

Baldwin was asked whether sometime toward the end of May he saw McCord in the Democratic party offices. He said he did.

The witness said McCord went across the street about 8:30 or 9 o'clock and as Baldwin watched from his own window he saw the man in a window of the Democratic headquarters.

"Mr. McCord appeared at the blind," Baldwin said, and closed it.