## L.A. Times Asked to Produce Tapes Key Witness in Watergate

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Citing a "compelling need," attorneys for one of the de- also appeared in The Washing- the Times and calls upon him fendants charged in connection Post on Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, to bring the materials to court tion with the bugging and detail the role that Baldwin on Dec. 19. Kraslow, who was break-in of the Democratic played in the alleged bugging the Times' Washington bureau Party's Watergate headquar of the Democratic National chief, left the Times in August ters asked a U.S. District Committee headquarters here, to become an assistant manag-Court judge to order the Los According to his account, ing editor for the Washington Angeles Times to turn over Baldwin was employed to tapes and documents of an in- monitor electronically teleterview with a key government witness.

In a brief filed yesterday with the U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica has indi- First Amendment from testifyhere, lawyers for former cated that he will grant the ing in a legal proceeding. The White House aide E. Howard subpoena. Hunt's lawyers are argued "production of the evidence at Times because Baldwin has papers is that sources of news this time is critical."

tapes, transcripts and any tapes of the interviews. other documents from more than five hours of interviews that it will oppose any attempt ble in the immediate situation, that two Los Angeles Times to subpoena material relating the brief says, since, Baldwin's conducted Alfred C. Baldwin III, de- The proposed subpoena sub- nounced in the articles.

scribed in the briefs as "the mitted for Sirica's signature key government witness."

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Chief U.S. District Court that seeking the material from the favor of a privilege for newsfiled an affidavit swearing information will vanish if their The lawyers are seeking that he destroyed his own names are disclosed," the brief

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names David J. Kraslow as the Washington bureau chief of Evening Star and News.

The brief asserts that the phone conersations in the Supreme Court has rejected any privilege for journalists claiming protection under the "most compelling argument in says.

This argument is inapplicaidentity as the source was an-