

Baldwin Admits Monitoring Calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former FBI agent testified Wednesday that he was hired by the security chief for the Republican National Committee to monitor conversations from the Democratic National Headquarters.

Alfred C. Baldwin III said he was promised by the man, James W. McCord Jr., that "if the President is re-elected this November, this is the way to be on the team and go up the ladder."

McCord is one of the two defendants remaining in the Watergate trial. He and G. Gordon Liddy, once a lawyer for the President's re-election committee, are charged with conspiracy, burglary and illegal eavesdropping.

Baldwin, 36, of Hamden, Conn. said he was contacted by McCord on approximately May 1 last year and that McCord had gotten his name from a list of former FBI agents.

He said McCord first assigned him to guard Mrs. Martha Mitchell, wife of the former attorney general, but after one week gave him the new assignment.

"He said in the upcoming week there were different demonstrations scheduled," and that he wanted Baldwin to attend them to see if there was any threat to Republicans, Baldwin said.

Before Baldwin took the stand, Detective Robert G. Denell testified that the personal address books of two men arrested in last June's break-in at Democratic headquarters at the Watergate carried listings of White House telephone numbers.

The theory that McCord engaged in spying activities to protect Republicans against possible demonstrations was advanced in court Wednesday by McCord's lawyer, Gerald Alch.

Baldwin said that on May 26

tape recorders and that McCord gave him the frequencies on which he should listen.

"We would be monitoring conversations or attempt to monitor from units and he mentioned across the street, Democratic headquarters," Baldwin said.

Later that day, Baldwin testified two other men came into the room and McCord introduced them as George and Ed, saying they were aliases.

Baldwin identified a photograph of an "Ed" as E. Howard Hunt, one of the five original defendants who have pleaded guilty and "George" as Liddy.

It was the first time that Liddy had been connected in testimony with the bugging operation.

Late that evening Baldwin said he and McCord drove around in the vicinity of George S. McGovern headquarters.

They met up with another car, he said, and Liddy got into their car.

"Mr. McCord addressed Mr. Liddy as a superior saying yes sir and no sir and like that," Baldwin said.

Alch had told newsmen Tuesday that he intended to put on a defense of "duress and necessity and lack of criminal intent." The lawyer made it formal Wednesday in submitting a memorandum to that effect to Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, who is presiding over the trial.

Alch listed seven points McCord will introduce:

—That as security chief for the two committees he had the duty to insure the safety of all Republican officials including President Nixon.

—That there had been many violent demonstrations both in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

—That McCord had conferred with other law enforcement officials who had advised him and provided him with reports containing information of past violence and anticipated future violence.

—With this belief of impending harm to Republican officials, McCord believed communications would be made by these protest groups to the Democrats reflecting plans for more demonstrations both in Washington and at the time of the Republican National Convention in Miami.

he walked into a room at the Howard Johnson motel that had been rented for him by McCord and found the defendants there with various pieces of electronic equipment. The motel is across the street from the Watergate.

"McCord said I want to explain something to you . . . You will be monitoring here in this room," the boyish appearing Baldwin testified.

He said there were two receivers in the room and two