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3G,FW?I,O! - Newsweek says in its issue to be published Monday that a former security guard in the Nixon re-election campaign organization supplied information to the government in the Watergate political espionage case.

The magazine identified the man as Alfred C. Baldwin, 36, and said he himself had transcribed some tapes of telephone conversations in the National Democratic Committee headquarters in Washington.

Baldwin, described by the magazine as a former FBI agent, went to the FBI with his information after police arrested five men on June 17 on charges of bugging and breaking into the Democratic headquarters, Newsweek said.

Newsweek did not say how it had learned of Baldwin's role, but did say he would testify for the government at the trial of the seven men indicted last week in the affair.

His testimony, the magazine said, would include such things as the allegation that Baldwin personally delivered one tape transcription to the Committee to Re-Elect the President and that E. Howard Hunt, G. Gordon Liddy and James W. McCord, three of the indicted men, once "cased" the offices of Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic presidential nominee.

The transcription delivered by Baldwin was reworded by McCord, then security coordinator for the re-election committee, to remove any trace that the information had been gathered through electronic bugging, Newsweek reported.

Hunt is a one-time White House consultant and Liddy was once a member of the White House staff. McCord was fired from his job as security coordinator for the re-election committee after his arrest.

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