

Tails, Taps, Say Watergate Trio

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Three defendants in the criminal trial of the Watergate bugging incident claim they are being shadowed and their telephone lines tapped.

The three are former White House aides G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt and James W. McCord, former security director for the Committee for the Re-Election of the President. They are among the seven

defendants in the U.S. District Court case here.

In depositions filed with the court yesterday, Liddy told of two cloak-and-dagger incidents in which he said he was under surveillance but was able to shake his "shadows."

Hunt's affidavits said that during a Sept. 22 telephone conversation from his home with his attorney, William O. Bittman, "I heard someone on the line make the

statement, 'that's Bittman.' At the time of this conversation no one was on any of the telephone extensions in my home."

McCord's affidavit said tests he made of the telephone lines in his home and at his two business offices "indicated that a tap exists, or has existed, at frequent intervals subsequent to my arrest in connection with the instant indictment."

None of the affidavits speculate as to the identity of those following the defendants or bugging their telephones.