

Excerpts from testimony of Alfred C. Baldwin before Senate Watergate Committee, under questioning by Sen. Lowell Weicker, transcribed from tape of live broadcast of the proceedings:

Baldwin -- (Describing what he observed in the early morning hours of June 17, 1972) The first thing I observed was a -- well I was standing on the balcony, it was a beautiful night, and it was --

Weicker -- This balcony was on the seventh floor ?

Baldwin -- Room 723, that's correct.

Weicker -- Of the Howard Johnson Motel.

Baldwin -- And I observed there was a guard standing directly in front of the building ~~xxxxxxxx~~ at 2600 directly across the Watergate complex. And I was watching this individual when a car stopped, three men alighted, and proceeded inside the headquarters. I didn't really pay any attention. These gentlemen....

Weicker --You were out on the balcony.

Baldwin -- That's correct.

Weicker -- Following the general instruction of Mr. McCord to observe anything unusual.....The walkie-talkie was inside the room?

Baldwin -- That's correct.

Weicker -- Did you hear any conversation ? -- This is prior to the arrival of any car or any individuals..

Baldwin -- No sir, I did not.

Weicker -- Did you observe anything across the way that was at all unusual ?

Baldwin -- No sir.

Weicker -- In the way of lights going on or off ?

Baldwin -- No sir.

Weicker -- Did you see any individuals --

Baldwin -- I saw lights go on, but I believe it was just subsequent to or about the time of the arrival of the three gentlemen. I do remember observing the three gentlemen leave the car and go into the building.

Weicker --In other words there were no observations up until the point in time when this car arrived and three individuals get out.

Baldwin -- The first thing that really stuck in my mind was the eighth floor of the building the lights went ~~on~~ on in the entire eighth floor. And when the lights went on in the eighth floor I went inside and picked up the walkie-talkie, and not knowing whether to say Unit One or base one or how to call, I just picked up the walkie talkie and I believe I used both designations, Unit One or I might have even said headquarters, I might have said Base One to any unit, do you read me ? And a voice came on, back, "I read you, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ go ahead, what have you got ?" And I said the lights just went on in the entire eighth floor. He said, Oh we know about that, that's the two o'clock guard check. I said okay. He said all right, let us know if anything else happens. I put the walkie-talkie down and I proceeded out on the balcony again. I noticed the lights flicker on the sixth floor of the Democratic National Headquarters, to the extreme right. They just went on briefly, and went off. I went back inside, picked up the walkie talkie and was standing in the door way when I observed these individuals coming ~~on~~ out on the balcony of the Democratic National --

Weicker -- Which individuals are you referring to ?

Baldwin -- There were two individuals. You want me to describe then ?

Weicker -- I want to you dexcribed to the committee what you saw there that night.

Baldwin --- Well, one individual had on what I would call a windbreaker. It appeared to have a university emblem and university written across one of the pockets on the chest area. The other individual had a weapon out -- both of them were casually dressed. One individual had long blond hair, was stockily built individual. As I observed them, I called up again, Base Unit or Unit one, are our people in suits or are they dressed casually? And the call came back, our people are in suits, why ? And I said well, you've got some trouble, because there's some individuals out here and they're dressed casual and they've got their guns out. And the guy at the other end went a little bit frantic. (laughter)

Weicker -- All right, now --

Baldwin -- I put the walkie talkie down. He continued to yell over it, are you reading ~~xxxx~~ us ? Are you getting us ? Come in, come in, hello, anybody there? I knew he wasn't calling me, so I went out on the balcony and I just stood there and watched these individuals as proceeding to search the balcony. A third individual had also come into the office area, turned the lights on and was search. There were three now on this thing, searching.

Weicker -- Were you able to observe anyone else on the street blow ?

Baldwin -- I don't directly recall at that specific point, Senator.Well, the individuals then went ~~xxxx~~ into the office and proceeded to the left of the building, and as they passed through the corridor light was out and as they passed various office doors you could -- eventually they went out of sight and I didn't see 'em. I believe it was about this time that a voice came over the unit that said "they've got us," -- a whisper -- "they've got us," and then what I believe was Mr. McFord's voice in the distance saying "Are you gentlemen metropolitan police ?" or something to that effect. And then another voice came on and said "Are you still across the street ?" I thought -- if somebody was listening, you know, I didn't know what was going on, and I just said yes, I am, and they said we'll be right over. Subsequent to that I saw two individuals walking out between the Watergate building across and the one closest to the Capitol Building -- they came out an ~~xxxxxxx~~alleyway.

Weicker -- Can you identify those two individuals ?

~~Baldwin~~ Baldwin -- One of the gentlemen looked up at me -- I was still on the balcony -- He was just looking at me, that was Mr. Hunt. The other individual -- He was dressed in a windbreaker, sort of a windbreaker and I believe a casual shirt. The other gentleman was dressed in a suit, and from my observation, he didn't look up, but I had the belief it was Mr. Liddy.

Weicker -- Did you see Mr. Hunt go over to the Howard Johnson Motel ?

Baldwin -- Yeah, they walked up in front of this far complex -- almost directly in front of that lobby, got into a car and proceeded up the street. And ~~xxxx~~ soon as they were in the car, another voice came over the (unintelligible) [and said ?] I'm on my way, and approximately two or three minutes later Mr. Hunt came into the room.

Weicker -----...Would you describe Mr. Hunt's entry into the room ?

Baldwin -- Everything ?

Weicker -- Everything.

Baldwin -- Well, he proceeded over -- and I was standing there in balcony area, and he crouched down behind a table. He said "what's going on, what's going on?" And just about this time they were leading Mr. McCord and the other gentlemen out the front of the lobby, and there were all kinds of police cars there. And I was standing on the balcony, and I said, well, come on out and see. And he said, "I gotta use the bathroom." (laughter). And he went into the bathroom, And he came out, and he said, "I've got to call a lawyer. Where's your phone?" And I said it's right there. And he went over and he dialed a direct dial number, because in the motel room when you want to place a long distance call you have to go through the desk. So he dialed 8, as I would do when I dialed a local number, and he dialed a direct dial number. And he proceeded to talk -- I paid no attention to the conversation -- I went back on the balcony and continued to watch. I did hear him state that "I've got \$5,000 cash on me now for bond or bail if we need it." And ~~xxx~~ then something to the effect that "well, you go right down," or, "shall I go down?" And I don't rem- -- that was it. He proceeded to give me instructions what to do with the equipment.

Weicker -- And what were those instructions?

Baldwin -- Well, he removed a walkie talkie, put it on the bed, and he told me to pack up everything -- I believe his expression was "get it the hell out of here. Get yourself the hell out of here. Gosomewheres. Where you gonna go?" And I said, well I can go to Connecticut, and he said, "Well, go." And he said, "We'll be in touch. You'll get further instructions." He said, "I want you to take all this equipment to to ~~xxxxxxMcCord's house~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ Mr. -- Mrs. McCord's -- Mr. McCord's house. And I had a little debate with him about that, because I said, well, there's two of you, and there's only one of me. Why can't you drive it? Somebody can drive you back. If I get out there I have no way to get back. He said Mrs. McCord or somebody will drive you back, you work that out. And he proceeded to go out the door. And he went down to the ~~xxxxxx~~ elevator.

Weicker -- And he went out the door.. And was he running down the hall?

Baldwin -- Yes he was, he was departing.....

Weicker -- And did you say anything to him as he went running down the hall?

Baldwin -- Yes I did.

Weicker -- What did you say to him?

Baldwin -- I asked him if this meant I wasn't going to Miami. (prolonged laughter)

[Later, answering a question from Sen. Baker, Baldwin said that the voice which answered him over the walkie talkie and said the men were in suits was not the voice of McCord, which he said he could recognize. He added that after hearing Hunt's voice subsequently he believed the voice which answered him was that of Hunt.]