

## 'Startling' Watergate Story Denied

Logan, Utah

Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) said yesterday that neither he nor conservative publisher William F. Buckley Jr. predicted a "startling development" in the Watergate matter, as had been reported over the weekend.

Goldwater told newsmen that he and Buckley had been confronted by a reporter in a coffee shop in Wichita, Kan., Saturday. The meeting produced a story in which the two were quoted as saying they expected a startling development during the week, probably in the court of federal Judge John J. Sirica.

"This is an example of the media using faulty material," Goldwater said yesterday. "The situation was that Bill Buckley and myself were confronted by a reporter and asked if we would answer a few questions. We both said we had nothing to say and the next day we heard this report..."

The newsman, Gary Moore of television station KTVH, said yesterday that when the men were asked about Watergate, both replied they expected developments within the next two or three days. Moore said that one of the two used the word "startling" in the exchange and that he was almost positive it was Goldwater.

Buckley was unavailable for comment."

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