

1827-72  
05 V LIDDY

(TAPES IN SEPARATE  
ENVELOPE)

~~TAPES~~ + TRANSCRIPT  
OF BALWIN INTERVIEW  
BY REPORTERS  
OSTROW + NELSON

#159



United States District Court  
For the District of Columbia  
Office of the Clerk  
3rd and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20001

James H. Babey  
Clerk

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Re: Transmittal of Watergate-Related Material to National Archives  
and Records Service

On August 1, 1979, we transmitted to National Archives and Records Service (NARS) most of our Watergate-related civil, criminal and miscellaneous case files and related docket sheets for closed cases. At that time we advised Archives that we would subsequently transmit additional material relating to then open cases and material that was then under seal.

On June 30, 1980 and August 25, 1980, we transmitted additional Watergate-related material to NARS.

We are now transmitting the following material:

1. CA 74-1518 - Two boxes containing pleadings, transcripts, depositions, etc. This case was on appeal when we made our original shipment of material to NARS on August 1, 1979.
2. CR 74-155 - Two boxes containing trial exhibits of government and defendant. This material was also in the Court of Appeals when we made our original shipment.
3. CR 1827-72 - The original of Judge Bryant's 10/3/80 Order partially lifting the seal of 1/17/73 re the transcript of the Baldwin interview. A copy of the transcript of the Baldwin interview with certain passages deleted on pages 48, 49, 59, 61, 62, 71 and 72 pursuant to Judge Bryant's 10/3/80 Order.

James H. Babey

On behalf of NARS I hereby receipt for the above described material in CR 1827-72, CR 74-155 and CA 74-1518.

Steven Tilley  
Steven Tilley, NARS

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JAMES F. DAVEY, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff	)	
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v.	)	Criminal Case No. 1827-72
	)	
GEORGE GORDON LIDDY, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants	)	

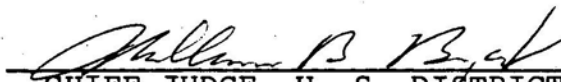
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CHIEF JUDGE, U. S. DISTRICT COURT





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OFFICE OF JUDGE SIRICA

May 15, 1980

Hon. John J. Sirica  
Senior Judge  
U.S. District Court for the District  
of Columbia  
Constitution Avenue & John Marshall Place NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sirica:

I hereby petition the Court to unseal the tape recording of approximately five-and-a-half hours duration, and the transcript thereof, of the 1972 interview of Alfred C. Baldwin conducted by Jack Nelson and Ronald Ostrow of the Los Angeles Times.

This request, re CA 72-1827, is submitted pursuant to a book presently being researched about "the Watergate Affair," to be published by Random House.

I will be grateful if the requested documents could be made available for my inspection at a location of the Court's choosing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*Robert Fink*

10/10  
Left a message on his  
cable-a-phone that we  
needed it back & if he  
has any questions to call  
you. Very sorry  
about misunderstanding

10/15 - 8:45

Left another message on

cable-a-phone

Said he'd have it back  
by the end of this week.

10/15 - 12:15

Left message  
wanted it today  
on tomorrow



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CHIEF JUDGE, U. S. DISTRICT COURT

p. 29 moves into  
Howard Johnson  
Mae Johnson

1/6/73

p. 10  
PRK

p. 30 upstairs  
p. 31 Penate

p. 14  
Bank  
T. Full

18  
not  
govt  
employee

p. 21

27  
heard should  
be hired  
brought out ~~the~~ fact herself

p. 22  
to Elect the Pres.

p. 29 moves into Howard Johnson

p. 36 McCord  
electronics in Room p. 39

Filly enters the picture  
Thurs. Fri

p. 37 US Attorney's office  
threat to Baldwin

p. 38 Attorney speaking

p. 39 some equip had been at CREEP  
HQ  
belonged to McC.

p. 39 all from white house

p. 39 Mitchell overall commander

p. 40 FCE granting use of  
certain frequencies  
walkie-talkies

41 Mitchell

□ p. 42 McGovern messy  
McCord

p. 42 moved to Room 723  
on 29th

p. 43 Enter Demo H.Q.

p. 44 Liddy & Hunt

not sure when they came in  
25th weekend he wanted  
to go home

McCord was there

p. 45 Liddy & Hunt points out equip  
Date

p. 46 Date



p. 46 to McGovern HQ

first meets Liddy & Hunt

payoff to ~~Liddy~~ McCord  
by Liddy

two dates: payoff \$16, \$18,500  
/ tape ends /

p. 47 McCord in building

never saw surgical gloves  
while using equip.

p. 48 McCord shows where he  
had been

p. 48 Liddy and Hunt there on  
Friday

McCord receiving

Spencer Oliver overheard

p. 49 attorney giving legal advice  
aiming for Larry O'Brien

p. 30 Date - go w/ McCord to  
McGovern HQ

Lilly & Hunt in room first  
all went into <sup>time</sup> W&G complex  
can't know what did  
happen there

p. 51 on way to McGovern's HQ  
get batteries

p. 52 missing info.

after 1st sentence tape 4

left out we go up past

McG HQ we are <sup>Raupum Bldg</sup> interested in  
this place  
will be digging

p. 53 the Bureau not the girl.

p. 53 Hunt driving by HQ  
Lilly there

p. 34 Lilly McCord's superior

✓ [ p. 54 stairs not stairs

p. 55 only equip was walkie-talkie  
Lidly had briefcase

p. 56 Hunt driving?

p. 57

attorney p. 59, 60

p. 60 new room moved to 723

up to Monday 61

Ballwin monitoring

✓ [ p. 61 left out  
place  
and

p. 62 went back in June

no bug in room  
only phone

✓ p. 63 interception  
reception

p-64 intercepting  
McCord

original log delivered to ~~Don~~  
CREEP

left out p-65 tomorrow after after important

p-66 logs delivered to someone  
other than McCord

p-66 attorney

going to log in Miami

to be  
p-67 monitoring in Miami

p-68 logs delivered to someone

other than McCord - envelope to  
go to one person and nobody else -

paper . . .

A just as I said and as I said to the Bureau  
name... that I would consider German

me...

~~was known~~

The first name he gave me, I assumed  
you know it was the last name

p. 69

reason... I, you know,

when he said ~~that~~ club of the

said that it was that I <sup>might</sup> ~~could~~ have

said, you know

down... at one point

I thought

something as high

problems

He gave names, he gave me the instructions

a manila envelope

personally ...

lobby ...

So I went in the guard stopped me

Chetner's name? ...

Last name ... Murray in law school

p 71

tape 4

Q Who is he, Jack? by attorney

(Q) A { Used to be in the white house with  
Jim, he's over there now, working  
in <sup>his</sup> ~~that~~ law office <sup>right there</sup> in that building  
Jack Nelson  
A. first sentence is Jack Nelson

spell

and I could not spell ....

A. Well, you said Murray, and I  
would have written Murray now we  
want to school...

No but

A. No no I'm sure that's not it

It's kind of interesting though  
that they never mentioned Clinton's  
name

p. 72 rework

p. 73 "

and at bottom

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76 secretary not senator

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p. 83 Hunt, Liddy

p. 83 Bucla

p. 84 rework

p. 84 for may not June

p. 85 call to Miami

walkie-talkies

Hunt  
McCord

Liddy

rework



p. 86 Hunt w/ 5,000

87

McCord & Liddy  
payoff

Check  
work  
" "

p. 87 Hunt & Liddy in Hotel

p. 88 Hunt & Liddy

Hunt shows up in room

1/6/73

p-90 ruling

p-90 attorney

✓ p-91 Jampa office - missing

p-102 doors - had been in  
back in May  
(missing)

✓ p-103 Two ?

✓ p-105 hundred should be numbers

✓ p-109 Free Cuba

✓ p-113 cover not cover  
tool no toll

p-117

Instructions

all

that he'll leave the walkie-talkie  
talks: ... We want you to watch.

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I don't remember where that went  
if it was still there - could have been

possibly not. For some reason I  
think it was still in the room...  
after he had left I thought I might  
have done something with it. That  
I'd have to think about in more  
detail.

✓ 122 floor above not floor of

p. 127 ~~and~~ and it was Hunt. I observed it  
was Hunt. —

Q -----

A ----the next day I know we were back and he was tuning ----- he told me where he was. He pointed to the office. I think the term was we got the units in there. That was like saying, revealing his whole world. He was a very close-mouthed person. He would say very little. He didn't come out and tell you in advance what you were doing. I know Liddy and Hunt are there on Friday because you see what happens, I am pretty sure Friday night Liddy is the guy gets in the car. Remember, I don't know these men, so what I am saying is that evening, Friday evening, this guy Liddy gets in the car. Now, so Friday afternoon I am sure, the first conversation he gets in on, he is on the large receiving unit.

Q That is McCord?

A This is McCord. He picks up the conversation -----he is listening to a conversation and this time he doesn't even know who he is listening to-----because I had to establish first we got his name as Oliver, then Spencer. He didn't know Spenser Oliver was one and the same person. We thought we were dealing with two different people.

Q -----

You can't say at the time what you heard?

A I didn't realize that.

Q You don't want to go into specific details --

A

Q You can't divulge the contents of any conversation.

A

Q You can't disclose the contents of any illegally intercepted message, and I think you run the risk ----- and if it is printed in the newspapers -----

VOICE: Have you read the statute?

A Yes.

Q I'd be very general if I were you as to who is talking now.

A Let's not mention this guy's name.

Q You can do that.

A The reason I say this is you see what I am trying to show you here is it was my impression after they went in this first time, they first of all, number one, didn't know where they were putting their electronic units. They were aiming for Larry O'Brien. There is no doubt in my mind. I was told that. I was supposed to visually identify him if he was on the balcony or sitting in the office. But from what I gather from conversations which we will get into later, they didn't even know they were in Larry O'Brien's office. You know it is pretty obvious once you have been over there and seen Larry O'Brien's office which is Mr. O'Brien's office and which is a staff member's, because his office is a beautiful office with all kinds of mementos and what. But I don't think, my opinion is they didn't

I'm sorry, or something like that -----

Q Did he identify himself?

A He had his wallet out and I think ---- he went back toward his car. My concern was, I wondered if McCord was going to say he is an ex-agent.

Q He did identify himself?

A I don't think he did identify himself. I don't think he identified himself as being a member of the Committee and being on security work. I think he just said, "I'm sorry, it is late, I shouldn't have turned." He didn't get the ticket. We went back, he left me off. I don't believe he came by the next day at all because I know I slept Saturday afternoon. He came over to the room on Sunday-----we might have even tried to monitor on Sunday because you know, people work at the Democratic Headquarters all day and all night, they work wierd hours. They were there till 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning. I am pretty sure we did some monitoring on Sunday --tried to.

Q You shouldn't disclose ---

A You don't want to go into any of this?



the operations in Room 723.

So that takes you up to Monday, the time I take the tour up to the 12th.

We monitor out of that room, 723. I say we, me. I came back --another time I went home and when I came into the room McCord was sitting there.

Q -----meantime, without giving any specific conversations, the type of conversations you were overhearing were ---

A

You could have a TV set playing and there is a little screen and soon as a conversation starts, you know, there is a little line constantly going across on this like a little miniature TV set ----- but the minute I got up in the morning the unit would go on and I'd monitor as late as I could.

Q From 7:30 till midnight maybe?

A If there was somebody in that office --

Q You'd sit there all day?

A -----there was at least anywhere from 10 to 20 phone calls. Whether it was personal, trip reservations, or strategy calls or what, you know, I'd say the majority of 60%---

Q Would you say that McCord seemed mostly interested in McGovern?

A No, because at that point McGovern's name really wasn't in place. McGovern really didn't become a contender from what I observed until after California.

Q You were concerned enough about McGovern-----

A



Q What about the bug, was this sticking out?

A There was none.

Q There was no bug?

A Not prior to that. What we were receiving was strictly over the phone and there was nobody else doing this stuff either. I was the only one doing it because I even complained ---- he said if it gets real busy we will get somebody else.

Q You never recorded any other ---

A No, because male-female type adapter that went from the tape recorder, there was no way to hook up, that is, the plugs were not adaptable. We tried splicing, we tried everything.

sounding. That name had never been brought up before.

Q Murray Chottner is an old-time associate of Nixon's. He is in the White House now. He also has something to do with security. And the FBI never asked you about Murray Chottner?

A That is interesting, isn't it? The thing that amazes me about that name you just said is the fact I couldn't spell that last name. I couldn't spell it. Most names I can spell.

Q Was there a second name? You said they told you --

A --you said Murray--

Q you said there was a second name the FBI mentioned to you one time and you asked them what it was later and they wouldn't tell you but that is not it?

A That is not it. --- You see he could spell Murray and if he would have said it I would have put Murray down, assuming it is a last name and then he said the second name. I said what is that and he had to spell it. -----

Q ---are you talking about an "S" or "C"?

Q Let me ask you something--

A Christ! These people could pull these unusual sounding names.

Q Were these two very important things -----?

A They were that important, yes.

Q

A

Till that first name the Bureau came out, you know, they didn't come up with any other names, they gave me this one name and out of all the names they gave me that day, and I wasn't keen on it at all but that was the name that I picked -- (Sedan) (Sealy) (phonetic spellings) out of the newspaper and you throw this one out. The two of those names could be right along side each other. It is an unusual name.

Q Is that a secretary ---

A When they say secretary, that could be secretary for an overall office.

I think that takes us up to when we take the tour and McCord gets back.

You see now when I am monitoring the people leave the office, nobody is in the office over this weekend, they are down in Texas.

Q By the way, let me ask you one thing at this point: to your knowledge did you ever know anything about taking pictures over there of documents?

L. A. TIMES TAPES -- COURT'S CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

page 10, line 19      HR should be PR

page 14, line 7      ban should be bank

page 17, line 13      Tom, Jr. should be Tom Judd

page 18, line 3      insert "not" between "I was" and "government  
employee"

page 22, line