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AIRMAIL

Mr. Edward R. Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 1974.

With further regard to your inquiry: I have examined the marked passage from pages 16 and 17 of the book, "Legacy of Doubt", of which pages you sent a photocopy.

I can confirm the accuracy of one sentence contained in this passage, to wit: "There is no public record of such a hearing taking place in the fall of 1971."

I can further state that no executive hearing of the kind respecting which you have inquired was held by the Internal Security Subcommittee in the fall of 1971.

I have no knowledge whatsoever respecting the conversation allegedly involving one of former Senator Murphy's aides and a Mr. John Howard.

I do not believe the statement contained in the marked passage that a top secret hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee concerning the assassinations of both John and Robert Kennedy "in fact did take place".

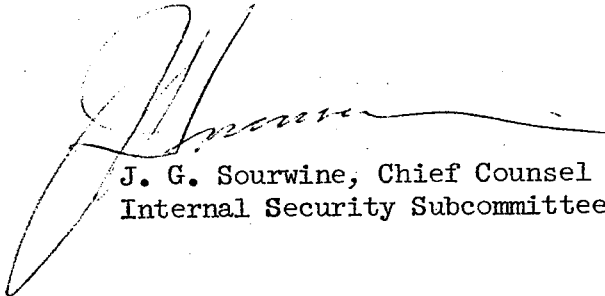
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The Internal Security Subcommittee did not send any of its staff investigators to the Los Angeles area to search for information respecting the Kennedy assassinations, or either of them.

The full Committee on the Judiciary does not have "staff investigators". I doubt that any aide to Senator Eastland told anyone that three staff investigators of the Judiciary Committee had been searching for information in the Los Angeles area "about the two Kennedy assassinations".

This is the best I can do about traversing the allegations contained in the marked paragraph about which you have inquired.

Sincerely,



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