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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".