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**TO :** Mr. Tolson *Viper*

**FROM :** L. B. Nichols *LBN*

**SUBJECT:** SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: October 19, 1955

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With reference to Mr. Belmont's memorandum of October 18th referring to Senator Eastland's statement on "The Reporters' Roundup" to the effect that Senator Eastland repeated that there have been Red spy rings in this country that have not been uncovered and that the Committee is working on one now, I wish to advise I discussed this matter with Jay Sourwine.

Sourwine stated that the Senator went into this interview wholly unrehearsed and spoke extemporaneously. He, Sourwine, winced when the Senator made the statement which he did because the Committee does not have any knowledge on any spy rings and his only explanation is that the Senator has confused their inquiry involving some of the reporters of the New York Times and associated this ring with a spy ring.

Under these circumstances, I see no need to pursue this matter further.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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