

1 I wish he were here tonight, spoke and said the Orphans
2 Courts, abolish them promptly. Part of his statement I
3 will read. "Actually in the routine administration of
4 their duties the Orphans Courts in the counties and to
5 a lesser degree in Baltimore City rely upon the guidance
6 of the Register of Wills."

7 I don't know what good it would do to tell
8 you tonight we rely not at all upon the Register of
9 Wills any more than any judge of any court in the City
10 of Baltimore relies upon the Clerk of his court. These
11 were statements made and apparently followed as I said
12 before on this Commission and Committee are the descendents
13 and inheritors of the gentlemen who drew the Bond Commission
14 Report. If I had to rely upon the Register of Wills for
15 advice and guidance in conducting the affairs of the
16 Orphans Court of Baltimore City, Judge Friedman and I
17 would be in very bad shape because we do have judicial
18 duties. Mr. Shaughnessy is an excellent Clerk of the
19 Orphans Court of Baltimore City. He is the Clerk by
20 statute. We do not rely upon him any more than any judge
21 of the Supreme Bench relies upon the Clerk of the Court