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Javits Kin To Aid Klein In Dodd Quiz

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Benjamin A. Javits, elder brother of Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), is serving as legal counsel to Julius Klein in connection with the Senate investigation of Klein's old friend, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.).

In disclosing this Thursday, Senate sources said Javits, a Manhattan attorney, is expected to advise Klein when the Chicago public relations man testifies at the forthcoming hearings of the Senate Ethics Committee which begin June 20.

Among other things, the committee is looking into charges that Dodd performed questionable favors for Klein, who is a registered agent in the United States for various West German interests.

Benjamin Javits, it was learned, has been providing legal advice to Klein in preliminary interrogations by the Ethics Committee staff.

Questioned about this, Javits refused either to confirm or deny that he has been retained by Klein.

However, Javits indignantly denied that his assisting Klein at the hearings might tend to embarrass his brother, the Senator.

"Not a damn bit in any shape or form," Javits snapped.

Javits and his brother were once partners in a Manhattan law firm. The Senator withdrew from the firm after being elected Attorney General of New York in 1954.

Sen. Javits is not a member of the Ethics Committee.