

Hoover leaned on press

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI documents released yesterday show former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was extremely concerned about news coverage of the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Hoover's concern was reflected in efforts to sway editorial opinion and efforts to find unnamed sources in news stories.

The documents revealed Hoover made an effort to persuade the Washington Post not to run an editorial and that the FBI thought its "many friends" in the news media could be used to put the agency in the best light or to attack its enemies.

Many contacts between journalists and the FBI are detailed.

"I thought no one knew this outside of FBI," Hoover wrote on a copy of one news story dated Dec. 3, 1963. "Certainly someone is doing too much talking."

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