

*Q. The U.S. government spent a small fortune trying to jail Daniel Ellsberg for leaking the Pentagon Papers to the American press. In World War II, didn't the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover leak to Walter Trohan of the Chicago Tribune a top-secret memorandum—JCS 1181, dated Nov. 18, 1944—about the establishment of a post-war intelligence service in this country, and didn't Trohan print it?—D.L., San Diego, Cal.*

*A. J. Edgar Hoover used to leak items to so-called friendly reporters. He would also use the FBI to check out information for favored newsmen. He made available to the press tapes and information on the sex life of the late Martin Luther King Jr. but did not leak JCS 1181, the memo from Bill Donovan to Franklin D. Roosevelt on "The Organization of an Intelligence Service for the Post-War Period." According to Trohan, now retired: "Roosevelt was afraid that Wild Bill Donovan—a Republican who was head of the OSS, the Office of Strategic Services, our intelligence outfit in the war—was getting too big for his britches. So he had Steve Early [FDR's press secretary] leak the memo to me, and we ran with it in the Washington Times-Herald, now defunct, and the Chicago Tribune. Hoover was very helpful to me when I ran the [Chicago Tribune] bureau in Washington, but not on that one."*

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