

"...Hoover wanted King 'exposed,' and instructed us that all derogatory information about him be used to inform King's important financial backers, key field workers, influential churchmen, and community leaders. Hoover insisted that speeches be prepared for Congressmen about King's activities. He also kept agents busy preparing information about King for the press, particularly to block him from getting honorary degrees by spreading this information to various institutions."

One of the items of my King assassination requests is for information provided to other writers. I included Jeremiah O'Leary because I knew the FBI favored and leaked to the Star, to O'Leary at the Star and to him in an operation that turned this case around, that controlled it precisely as Sullivan says the FBI did these things. This was a Readers Digest article. After the JFK general releases O'Leary confirmed that he got his information for that article from the FBI.

(Sullivan does not mention O'Leary by name. He makes several references to the Star but only one is indexed. The reference to page 93 is not indexed. It reflects the FBI's certainty that its press contacts would do its bidding and the widespread use of a single item.

(Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., had criticized the FBI for less than vigorous civil rights enforcement. "Faced with a real crisis, Hoover turned to his public relations to cover it up instead of trying to solve it. A Crime Records memo to Hoover dated 25 August 1963 stated: 'Pursuant to Mr. Tolson's instructions, we are making immediate contact with Miriam Ottenberg of the Washington Star so that Rauh's charges can be answered in the press at the earliest possible time. We will prevail on her to get an article out if at all possible this weekend. Previously approved material is being furnished to her . . . We should also utilize other sources.'" The next day's Crime Records memo reports that Ms. Ottenberg was already crackin' and that "additionally we have sent material today to a number of columnists." Eight, stated not to be all, are then named. All are of the right, some of the extreme of the extreme.

(Sullivan expressed contempt for the large stable of those who accepted FBI leaks (84): "...scores of Washington based reporters printed stories we gave them, and they too, and they usually printed them under their own bylines. Some of them lived off us.