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**Leaks Are Not Immoral
Or Illegal, Drinan Says**

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Representative Robert F. Drinian, Democrat of Massachusetts, said today that there was "nothign immoral or illegal" about leaking to the press the deliberations of the House Judiciary Committee.

Father Drinian, a Jesuit priest and an outspoken critic of the President, made his comment in response to criticism by the White House.

"There is nothing immoral or illegal on the part of anyone who leaks," he said. "The Republicans are very good at it."

"I've tried to be scrupulous about the whole thing. I voted to hold the meeting in public. They should have been open from the beginning.

The Rev. John McLaughlin, a Presidential assistant who is also a Jesuit, said yesterday that action should be taken against Father Drinin if he was found to be the source of leaks that have come out during the Judiciary Committee's deliberations.