

U.S., HOOVER ACCUSED OF 'LEAKING' BERRIGAN LETTERS

Harrisburg, Pa. (AP) - Charging the disclosure prevented a fair trial, they [defense lawyers] demanded dismissal of indictments against the R_ov. Phillip Berrigan ... and others.

"The purpose of an indictment is to charge the defendant with the commission of an offense, not to put forward evidentiary material designed to persuade those who learn of the indictment that the defendant has indeed committed the offense with which he is charged," said attorney Leonard Boudin, a Harvard Law School professor.

And Paul O'Dwyer, prominent New York civil rights and labor lawyer, said "the intended effect was to spread the word (of the case) in every livingroom in the nation."