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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 1-18-68

FROM : J. B. Adams *JBA*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM W. TURNER
Former Special Agent
CLAY L. SHAW TRIAL

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By letter of 1-16-68, Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., forwarded the request of one of Clay L. Shaw's attorneys for information on Turner, as Turner may be a witness at Shaw's pending trial.

The attorney, Edward F. Wegmann of New Orleans, advised the case of Louisiana vs. Shaw will be tried on or about February 13, 1968. Wegmann inquired whether Turner resigned from the FBI or was discharged and whether he ever was a member of the White House Secret Service Detail. Mr. Vinson speculates that if Turner appears as a witness he may be used in an attempt to discredit the Kennedy assassination investigation conducted by the FBI and other Government agencies.

Ordinarily, in answering an inquiry from a non-Federal Government source concerning a former employee, we supply minimum information, including dates of employment, position, and, if appropriate, that his services were terminated. Within the past year we have had two inquiries from Federal Government sources concerning Turner and we have answered them in much greater detail than usual. One was from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in March, 1967, after a Ramparts magazine article had appeared concerning CIA subsidizing of various fronts or foundations. Turner, a member of the Ramparts magazine staff, had called at the Asia Foundation in San Francisco attempting to secure information concerning the source of the Foundation's funds, and CIA then filed a service record inquiry with us concerning him. [In September, 1967, the National Security Agency made a service record inquiry.] These two inquiries were answered much more fully than usual, as indicated above.

Though the current inquirer, Attorney Wegmann, is in no sense a Federal Government agency, his inquiry has been transmitted to us through a Federal agency. Because of this and because of the unique nature of the Turner case, it is felt we should furnish information similar in scope to what we gave CIA and the [National Security Agency] to Mr. DeLoach's Office

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