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F.B.I. Move to Discredit Former Agent Disclosed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover tried to discredit William Turner, a former agent who had written about the bureau critically.

The bureau's files on the campaign to counter Mr. Turner's critical writings show that the bureau's Los Angeles office provided background material to Joe Pyne, the host of a talk show, before the former agent appeared on television in 1968.

A bureau informant said that he felt Mr. Pyne had used the bureau's material to "pretty well discredit Turner."

In 1970, the bureau cheered a Washington Star review that was critical of Mr. Turner's new book, "Hoover's F.B.I.: The Men and the Myth." It urged "that 1,000 copies of the book review be prepared in reprint form." There was no indication in the bureau's memos whether the bureau had ever printed up the reviews.