

## Clifton C. Carter Dies at 53; Adviser to President Johnson

By Michael Hodge

Washington Post Staff Writer

Clifton C. Carter, former President Lyndon B. Johnson's "political troubleshooter" and former executive director of the Democratic National Committee, died Tuesday at Arlington Hospital. He lived at 3811 N. Nelson St., Arlington.

Mr. Carter was born in Smithville, Tex., 53 years ago, and had been a key assistant to Lyndon Johnson since he volunteered to help out in Mr. Johnson's first congressional campaign in 1937.

He initially enrolled in Schreiner Institute, at Kerrville, Tex., but transferred to the University of Texas.

His education was interrupted by World War II when he was called to active duty with the 36th Texas National Guard Division, in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

During the war he earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre.

In 1948, he headed up Mr.



CLIFTON C. CARTER

Johnson's race for the Senate. In 1949 he was appointed U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Texas and served there until 1954.

In 1957 he joined Mr. Johnson's staff to direct his home office in Texas. Four years later, he came to Washington to assist the then Vice President.

In 1963, Mr. Carter moved

back to Texas to return to private business but stayed there only a few months before he returned to Washington and became Mr. Johnson's chief liaison with the Democratic National Committee.

A year later, he became executive director of the Committee. He left the Committee in 1966 to head his own public relations firm here.

He returned to politics briefly in 1968 to help Mr. Johnson with his decision to run for another term.

Mr. Carter is survived by his wife, the former Mary Jane Garrett of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Michael Livingston of Austin, Tex., Mrs. Daniel B. Shuffle of Annandale and Laurie of the home; two sons, Bill, a student at the University of Cincinnati and Lyndon, a student at the University of Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Hodges of Smithville and Mrs. Joe Marshall of Lake Jackson, Tex., and a brother John P. Carter of McLean, Va.