

Suit Won By Ex-FBI Agent

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NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Shaw, the former FBI agent who resigned rather than accept a transfer after being criticized for a letter he wrote about the bureau, has won a settlement of his case, his lawyer announced Thursday.

Shaw, 37, will get \$13,000 in back pay and the government will remove and destroy all prejudicial information from his personnel file, according to Melvin Wulf, Shaw's lawyer and director of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.

Wulf said the settlement agreement with the government was signed by him and Shaw and, for the government, Asst. U.S. Attorney Daniel H. Murphy II.

Shaw told a news conference he considered the settlement "total vindication" of his disagreement with FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

A special agent since 1963, Shaw was taking a course last summer at Manhattan's John Jay College of Criminal Justice, when his professor voiced criticism of the FBI.

Shaw responded with a 16-page letter defending the FBI as an institution, expressing confidence in Hoover's integrity, but maintaining that the FBI chief used antiquated personnel procedures inside the department and had built a "cult of personality."

Hoover ordered Shaw transferred from New York, and the G-man resigned last September.

Last January, Shaw filed suit charging Hoover with "an arbitrary, capricious and vindictive act of personal retribution."