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State Department Shifts 6 Otepka Case Figures

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State Department sources confirmed last night that six security officers involved in the Otto F. Otepka case have been transferred to new jobs within the Department but said this action did not represent any demotion for the six.

Otepka, former chief security evaluator for the Department, was fired for insubordination. He has appealed the action.

Otepka was suspended Sept. 23, 1963, and charged with conduct "unbecoming an officer of the Department of State" by allegedly having given classified documents to the

Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He was dismissed from his \$18,240-a-year post Nov. 5 when the Department upheld the charges against him.

The six State Department men, all of them security evaluators, were transferred from the Bureau of Security to the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, where they have to carry out a "top secret job."

The six are John F. Nordel Jr., Harry M. Hite, Raymond Laughton, Billy N. Hughes, John Schay, and Francis V. Gardner.