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## Secret List Names 800 As Possible 'Kicks'

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A list of potential security risks in the State Department, kept secret since it was prepared in 1956 by a now-deceased departmental security chief, has been turned up by congressional investigators.

Dated June 27, 1956, and signed by Scott McLeod, administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs in the Eisenhower administration, the memorandum states:

"On the department rolls are some 800 individuals concerning whom the office of security has information which raises questions in major or minor degree with respect to the criteria of Executive Order 10450, namely questions as to possible past Communist activity or associations, false statements, immoral conduct, homosexuality, intoxication, mental defects, etc. All have been cleared as qualified for access to classified information.

### 250 Cases Called Serious

"Of the 800-odd listed, there are approximately 250 on

whom the questions are, in my opinion, serious in relation to the broad security responsibilities of the department. Sixty per cent are incumbents in high level assignments in the department or in the field.

"About one-half are assigned to what can be categorized as critical intelligence slots in the department or to top level boards and committees.

"The situation described is obviously serious and deserves urgent attention."

In an attempt to find out what action was taken on the list and how many of the employes were cleared and are still in the department, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee met in closed session this week with an official of the State Department.

### Department Is Concerned

The witness, according to congressional sources, provided no information but is to be questioned again after he has consulted with top State Department officials.

It was understood, however, that officials in the State Department were deeply concerned about the appearance of the list in the hands of the committee.

Mr. McLeod left the security post in 1957. He was named United States Ambassador to Ireland, and remained on overseas assignment until the Democratic administration came to power. He died in 1961.

The last of the security officials in the department from the McLeod regime was Otto F. Otepka, who is now fighting dismissal charges filed against him by the department.

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