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# Confidential Data Mutilation Laid to Otepka at State

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A State Department security officer, Otto F. Otepka, has been charged with declassification and mutilation of a "confidential" report sent to McGeorge Bundy, a special assistant to the President, by William H. Brubeck, special assistant to Secretary of State Rusk.

This was one of a series of allegations filed against Mr. Otepka by the State Department September 23 as grounds for his removal as chief of the division of evaluations in the department's Office of Security.

## Charges Learned

Mr. Otepka was originally given until Thursday to reply, but his lawyer, Roger Robb, has obtained an extension until October 13.

The State Department has

admitted that the charges have been filed but has refused to make them public. The letter of charges, it was learned, also included allegations that Mr. Otepka had:

1. Breached the "standard of conduct expected of a State Department officer" by providing a copy of a classified memorandum concerning eight State Department employes to Jay Sourwine, chief counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

2. Providing a copy of a classified memorandum about "Appointments of Members of the Advisory Committee on International Organizations" to a person not in the department.

3. Declassifying a "confidential" memorandum sent to the security department by John Noonan, a security specialist, concerning a "security meeting" within the agency.

4. Declassification of a confidential memorandum on "Security Evaluative Services" of two branches of the department.

5. Declassification of a memorandum on "Procedures for Reviewing and Disposing of Adverse Information on Employees of International Organizations Dealing With Inter-American Affairs."

6. Preparing questions to be used by the subcommittee counsel in interrogating members of the department.

## Otepka Burn-Bag Searched

The information apparently was developed by examination of "classified" trash placed by Mr. Otepka in a security bag for burning, used typewriter ribbons and carbons.

The confidential tags from

the report to Mr. Bundy, according to the letter, were found in the bag on June 18. It was from a copy made on a duplicating machine with the tops and bottoms of pages which contained the security classification, cut off.

Both the State Department and the Internal Security Subcommittee have been investigating the department's Bureau of Security.

Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, chairman of the subcommittee, contends that the basic charge against Mr. Otepka is that he had cooperated with the subcommittee.

He said "the powers of Congress are at stake" in the case and "I intend to protect Otepka, by every means at my command, against accusations which complain, in effect, that he told the truth when asked to do so by a Senate subcommittee."

## Gross Also to Defend

Representative Gross, Republican of Iowa, told the House yesterday, the Associated Press reported, that Mr. Otepka is

being threatened with "being fired for giving Congress information it has every right to know."

Mr. Gross said the proceedings against Mr. Otepka amount to an "attempt to deprive Congress of information which may be vital to the security of the country."

"This is an outrage," he said. He added he is writing Mr. Rusk for information on the case, "including the names of the individuals involved."