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More Data On Otepka Case Aired

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More of the State Department in-fighting in the case of Otto F. Otepka, its top security officer, was revealed in another transcript of testimony released today by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

It showed that John F. Reilly, who was Otepka's superior, testified that Otepka seemed unbalanced and "emotionally overwrought."

The testimony was given in a May 23, 1963 hearing in which the subcommittee sought to find out why Otepka had been stripped of all authority as chief of the security office's evaluation division. This was done, the subcommittee has disclosed, after Otepka contradicted the testimony of Reilly and others regarding laxity in the department's security procedures.

Reilly's testimony led subcommittee counsel Jay G. Sourwine, the transcript

showed, to comment:
"This is the first suggestion
we have heard from anyone
that Mr. Otepka was mentally
unbalanced. But I have been
wondering if that wasn't about
due. How long have you noticed
this mental unbalance?"

Reilly, the transcript showed, said he first noted it in a four-hour session with Otepka after he (Reilly) became head of the security office.

Otepka, in his testimony, said he never talked with Reilly more than 'two hours, and was never informed that he was considered emotionally unstable. He also testified that he considered a reduction in force in the office as aimed at depriving him of his functions.

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Otepka was ordered dismissed nearly two years ago on charges of having given the subcommittee classified information. His appeal hearing is scheduled for Oct. 11.