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Senators Seek Source of Otepka Income

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and three other members of the Senate Judiciary Committee asked yesterday for an explanation by Otto F. Otepka of his "finances and connections" pending further Senate action on Otepka's nomination to the Subversive Activities Control Board.

In a letter to Committee Chairman James O. Eastland, Kennedy and Sens. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.), Joseph D. Tydings (Md.) and Quentin Burdick (N.D.) said they wanted to know the source of Otepka's income, other than his State Department salary, since 1961.

They also asked for information on any formal or informal connections between Otepka, the John Birch Society, the Liberty Lobby and any persons or organizations actively associated with them.

Otepka was appointed to the SACB job by President Nixon after years of fighting dismissal from a State Depart-

ment security job for giving information without authorization to Senate Investigators.

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