

More on TV Segment

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The chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee said yesterday he is investigating the Public Broadcasting Service's decision to delete a segment of a program which was critical of the FBI.

"If the news reports are

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true," said Rep. Torbert H. Macdonald (D-Mass.), "it would seem that an oblique type of censorship has been exerted by an arm of the federal government."

The 12-minute segment cut from the PBS network program "The Great American Dream Machine," alleged that the FBI condoned acts of violence.

Macdonald said the segment presented three men who claimed to be former FBI informants and who alleged that the FBI sanctioned their participation in various acts of violence, including the bombing of a U.S. Post Office building.

Macdonald said that according to reports FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wrote PBS that the charges were "totally and absolutely false."

Originally scheduled for viewing Wednesday night, the segment was deleted at the "last minute" by network officials in New York, the congressman said.

"The fact that this incident took place at all justifies concern," Macdonald said, "but the fact that it involves our public broadcasting system makes it even more serious."

Earlier the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights had said it was asking questions about the matter.