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WASHINGTON AP - Otto F. Otepka, the State Department's controversial chief security evaluator, was demoted, reassigned and severely reprimanded, authoritative sources reported Monday.

The decision, made by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, means that Otepka will not lose his job with the State Department.

Four years ago, in November 1963, he was ordered dismissed from the service for having furnished a Senate subcommittee with classified material without authorization.

In addition to the "severe reprimand" Rusk ordered:

-That Otepka be demoted from civil servant class GS15 to class 14, representing a loss in salary of about \$5,000 a year;

-That he be reassigned to duties not involving security matters.

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Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said Monday night he would not comment immediately.

Whether Otepka will acquiesce in the ruling or continue his legal fight outside the State Department, could not be ascertained immediately. His telephone was "out of order," the operator said.

Rusk's three-page ruling was dated Dec. 9. He received the report of the hearing officer, Edward Dragon, on Dec. 5.

Otepka's new job, provided he accepts the ruling, will be Management Analyst in the State Department, the sources reported.

Dragon, in his report to Rusk, upheld the charges against Otepka but suggested to the secretary that one point in Otepka's defense should be taken into consideration when the decision is made. In hearings before Dragon Otepka maintained that there was no uniformly accepted "standard of behavior" for government employees.

Otepka, a civil servant, can acquiesce in Rusk's ruling and accept the demotion, or he can seek further redress by turning to the Civil Service Commission and to the courts.

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