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**Otepka to Appeal
Demotion Verdict**

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP) — Otto F. Otepka, former security chief for the State Department, said today he would appeal the Civil Service Commission's verdict upholding the department in its disciplinary action against him. Secretary of State Dean Rusk ordered Mr. Otepka demoted, reassigned and reprimanded last December for giving classified documents, without authorization, to a Senate subcommittee investigating State Department security procedures. That was already a reduction of the punishment originally meted out to him—dismissal—but Mr. Otepka appealed to

the Civil Service Commission for full reinstatement. He has lost that round, it was disclosed yesterday. "I will pursue my rights to appeal with a great deal of vigor . . . this is my intention," Mr. Otepka told a reporter today. He has 15 days from today to submit an appeal to the Civil Service Board of Appeals and Review. The Civil Service Commission said the board's decisions were final, but Mr. Otepka could—in the event of an unfavorable decision—ask the three Civil Service Commissioners themselves to reopen the case. Whether to do so would be up to them. Beyond that point, Mr. Otepka's only recourse would be to the courts.

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