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WASHINGTON, DEC. 5 (AP)-A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE IS CHECKING INTO ALLEGATIONS BY A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, STEPHEN A. KOCZAK, THAT HE WAS FORCED INTO RETIREMENT AFTER CHARGING HIS SUPERIOR WITH SECURITY VIOLATIONS.

SEN. SAM J. ERVIN JR., D-N.C., CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID IN A NOV. 17 LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK THAT THE ALLEGATIONS, IF TRUE, "RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING DUE PROCESS AND FUNDAMENTAL FAIR PLAY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DEALINGS WITH ITS EMPLOYES."

HE ASKED RUSK TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

THE COMPLAINTS WERE LODGED WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE BY KOCZAK, A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER FOR 20 YEARS, WHO WAS PLACED ON RETIREMENT IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S "SELECTION OUT" PROCEDURES.

A SUBCOMMITTEE AIDE SAID THAT KOCZAK THAT IN 1951, WHILE SERVING IN WEST BERLIN, HE HAD CHARGED HIS SUPERIOR WITH PLACING TELEPHONE CALLS TO WARSAW FROM EAST BERLIN TO AVOID POSSIBLE MONITORING BY THE C.I.A. OR STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICERS.

THE SUPERIOR THEN PUT DEREGATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT KOCZAK IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICE'S EFFICIENCY REPORTS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS TOLD, AND IN THE SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION OUT PROCESS KOCZAK COMPLAINED OF MANY VIOLATIONS OF HIS RIGHTS.

AN AIDE SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INTEREST IS LIMITED TO WHETHER STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE DUE PROCESS AND FAIR PLAY. THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTEDLY IS LOOKING INTO THE SECURITY QUESTION RAISED BY KOCZAK.

KOCZAK WAS RETIRED AT \$6,000 A YEAR COMPARED TO THE \$13,000 SALARY HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING, THE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTED.

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