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\$4-Million Suit by Otepka
Against Times Is Dismissed

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BALTIMORE, Nov. 12—A Federal judge dismissed today a \$4-million libel suit brought against The New York Times by Otto F. Otepka, a former employe of the State Department.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen granted a motion by The Times for a directed verdict after the plaintiff had completed his case.

The suit charged that The Times had libeled Mr. Otepka, former chief security evaluator for the State Department, in a letter printed in The Times Magazine in 1970. The Times was accused of printing inaccurate statements about Mr. Otepka's employment status.