Dear:

It has always been the policy of the Internal Security Subcommittee to complete an investigation, hear all sides and get all available evidence, before "closing the books" and publishing the testimony and issuing any report the committee may desire to make. The current phase of the probe of State Department security is almost complete, but not quite. The committee still needs 5 or 6 hours of testimony from one top-level State Department official in order to make the record complete.

The sheer mass of the testimony will make it necessary to publish it in a number of separate volumes, perhaps as many as 20. It is highly important, therefore, that the testimony be organized, so that all of the testimony on a particular subject shall appear in one volume, if that is possible, rather than being scattered through a number of volumes. Also, there has been the problem of getting this wordage into type. (This problem has been attacked by having type set on individual transcripts of testimony as soon as corrected by the respective witnesses.) Then there is the problem of getting all of the various documents the committee has requested, some of which have still not been supplied by the State Department; and the further problem of securing answers to certain questions which the witness could not answer at the time of the hearing but was requested to answer later for the record. (As documents and delayed answers come in, they are being integrated with the material already in type, in a further effort to save time.) When the last bit of testimony has been received, the job of organizing the whole mass of testimony will be the focal point of Subcommittee effort.

While it is not possible to say exactly when the first volume of this testimony may be released to the public, there is no doubt that the testimony will be released. And since the State Department has entered into a stipulation with Mr. Otepka's counsel that testimony before the committee may be used in evidence at the Department's hearing on Mr. Otepka's appeal from the Department's order of dismissal, I have every confidence that the Department will grant such postponements of the hearings as may be necessary in order that the testimony may be available at the hearing.

All of the members of the Internal Security Subcommittee have supported Mr. Otepka and continue to take a firm position that he is entitled to complete exoneration and full reinstatement. I have every confidence that this is what will be done.

Sincerely,

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Dear ..., 

I serve on the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which has been conducting an investigation into State Department security. We still need a few hours of testimony from a top-level State Department official to complete the record and Mr. Otepka has requested a postponement of his hearing until this testimony is available for use at that hearing.

All members of our Subcommittee have supported Mr. Otepka and continue to take a firm position that he is entitled to complete exoneration and full reinstatement.

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