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# Reilly Admits He Did Not Cooperate Fully With Committee in Otepka Quiz

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John F. Reilly, who recently resigned as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security, has denied lying but testified he did not cooperate fully at a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee hearing.

The Subcommittee made the transcript of a Nov. 15 closed hearing public yesterday, in another sequel to the controversy over the dismissal of Otto P. Otepka, a State Department security officer.

Reilly was called before the Subcommittee after admitting in a statement on Nov. 6 that he had ordered a listening device installed on Otepka's telephone last March. He had denied it in sworn testimony to the Subcommittee on Aug. 6.

Although insisting he hadn't lied to the Subcommittee at the Aug. 6 hearing, Reilly acknowledged under questioning by Sens. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), and Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), that he had not answered questions fully.

"I didn't cooperate as fully as I might have, and as I say,

I apologize, I regret it," Reilly said.

"You are giving highly technical explanations of why you didn't tell the committee the truth," McClellan told him.

The key question at the Aug. 6 hearing was: "Have you ever engaged in or ordered the bugging or tapping or otherwise compromising telephones of private conversations in the office of an employe of the State Department?" Reilly's answer was, "no, sir."

Reilly's explanation at the Nov. 15 hearing was that although he had a listening device attached to Otepka's telephone, it hadn't worked and had been removed without any conversations being intercepted.

Asked if a telephone is not compromised when a device or connection is used by which conversations may be intercepted by an unauthorized person, Reilly replied:

"Not in my mind, and not as I understood the question that day."

McClellan accused him of

not having testified truthfully, of being evasive and uncooperative and of falling back on technical excuses and alibis. Dodd, who presided, also was caustic in his comments.

The State Department placed Reilly on administrative leave shortly before the Nov. 15 hearing. He resigned last month. Otepka, who was the Department's chief security risk evaluator, has appealed his dismissal. He was ousted on a charge of supplying the Subcommittee's chief counsel, J. G. Sourwine, with confidential information from employe security files.