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From: Chief of Naval Operations
(Director of Naval Intelligence)
To: Commandant, First Naval District;
Commandant, Third Naval District;
Commandant, Fourth Naval District;
Commandant, Fifth Naval District;
Commandant, Sixth Naval District;
Commandant, Seventh Naval District;
Commandant, Eighth Naval District;
Commandant, Ninth Naval District;
Commandant, Eleventh Naval District;
Commandant, Twelfth Naval District;
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District;
Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

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Subject: District Intelligence Service.

Reference: (a) DNI teletype message of October 4, 1940.

1. Reference (a) is quoted for information:

"Are Intelligence Field units in operation in Navy Yards and other principal Naval Establishments in your District in accordance with Article 302 ONI-19. Districts requiring additional agents or Intelligence Reserve Officers for active duty in Field units and/or District Intelligence offices will take immediate steps to locate and recommend agents and request orders for officers who volunteer."

2. The gravity of the present situation necessitates placing the Naval Intelligence Service in an advanced state of readiness. It is the desire of the Director of Naval Intelligence and District Plans, Estimates of Requirements, etcetera, for Naval Intelligence be completed at an early date and that present District personnel be augmented as outlined in reference (a).

3. Captain E. B. Nixon, U. S. Navy, and Captain C. F. Bryant, U. S. Navy, from this office are being ordered to visit the Districts within the continental limits of the United States, tentatively, as follows:

- (a) 1st, 3rd and 4th: Week beginning October 14.
- (b) 5th : Middle of week beginning October 21.
- (c) 6th, 7th and 8th: Week beginning October 28.
- (d) 9th, 11th, 12th and
and 13th : Week beginning November 11.

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4. With the Commandant's permission, these officers will inspect the Intelligence Service of the District. In addition, they will advise the District Intelligence Officers in problems presented, with a view to bringing all Districts into accord with respect to Naval Intelligence policies, directives, plans, organization and personnel.

5. This office requests that the District Intelligence Officers be instructed to have their material available and to be ready to discuss their problems with Captain Nixon and Captain Bryant in order that utmost value may be obtained from such visit.

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W. S. Anderson,
By direction.