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From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: The District Intelligence Officers,
All Naval Districts (less 16ND),
Intelligence Officer, Potomac River Naval
Command, Intelligence Officer, Severn
River Naval Command.
Subject: SEXUAL PERVERSION IN U. S. NAVAL SERVICE,
Investigation of.

1. In spite of their undesirability, it is recognized that a number of individuals with homosexual tendencies have entered the naval service in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Their presence in the service and any remedial steps taken are a personnel problem and should be handled the same as other undesirable personnel. The fact that certain naval personnel have such tendencies only becomes of Intelligence interest where it is indicated that this tendency is being exploited for subversive purposes. Experience does not justify a conclusion that individuals of this type are more vulnerable to subversive approaches than others.

2. District Intelligence Officers must exercise discretion in the handling of subject cases. When information of such tendencies involving naval personnel is received, it should be communicated to Commanding Officers with the advice that no investigation is being or will be conducted by Naval Intelligence in the absence of any indications of subversive activities.

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