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This is the first issue of the ONI Newsletter, and is intended for general distribution among field personnel performing duties relating to the Security Division aspects of Naval Intelligence.

CAPT V. L. LOWRANCE, USN, OP-920, and his assistants have completed two inspections of field offices (DIO-6ND and DIO-3ND) and will make others during the course of the year. These inspections, initiated in 1955 by RADM RICE, USN, continued by RADM MARTELL, USN, and now being conducted by CAPT LOWRANCE, are believed to be of the highest importance in operating and maintaining a competent field organization in support of the Navy.

A recent selection has been made of an agent to fill a billet in IO-COMNAVPHIL. Attention is directed to the continual need for applicants to fill overseas positions. Two billets in DIO-17ND will become vacant during the current year.

Review and Control procedures in the Investigations Branch have been in effect for one year. The results achieved have been encouraging in that we are gaining more uniformity and raising the quality of our investigations. The cooperation of the field personnel in this program is appreciated. S/A Raymond P. Sullivan, who was largely responsible for the drafting of the Manual for Investigations, and for the initiation of Review and Control functions, is seriously ill at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., and has been medically retired. S/A James L. Hannah of DIO-11ND has been chosen as his successor and is expected to enter upon his duties in the near future.

The next Agents Basic Course, 3B-57, will convene in Washington on 1 April for four weeks. This will mean that the initial program commenced in 1954 to train agents will be substantially completed. Subsequent classes will include agents hired later than that date and who have not yet attended the school.

S/A Arthur D. Gassaway of DIO-12ND has been selected to fill the vacant GS-12 position in DIO-15ND. There were several excellent applicants for this job; this office appreciates the fine response received from the field in efforts to find a qualified man to fill an important post in the Canal Zone.