

CASE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,
Naval Air Station,
Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

On 29 November 1944, the District Intelligence Officer, First Naval District, received a copy of a preliminary investigation report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation which indicated that certain officers and civilian personnel at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, including the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer thereof, were using the labor and facilities of the Transportation Department of the Air Station for the repair and reconditioning of their personally owned cars.

Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation can not proceed with investigation in such cases until expressly authorized by the Department of Justice, and as the Commandant was opposed to any further delay in the matter, the District Intelligence Officer was instructed by the Office of Naval Intelligence that he might undertake an immediate investigation, but should keep the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised regarding the progress thereof.

Investigation was completed by the District Intelligence Officer on 22 December 1944, and with certain modifications, substantiated the original charges. The Commanding Officer of the Air Station, who had had his personally owned car overhauled and repainted, claimed that he had given a check to the Chief Clerk of the station in payment for these services, and that he was merely following the procedure which has been authorized at the Naval Torpedo Station at Newport, Rhode Island. While investigation did not establish that the Commanding Officer issued this check to the Chief Clerk subsequent to the commencement of the investigation, it was established that no such procedure had ever been authorized or followed at the Naval Torpedo Station. Administrative action is now under consideration by the Commandant, First Naval District, and the Bureau of Naval Personnel on the basis of this investigation.

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