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From: The Chief of Naval Operations
(Director of Naval Intelligence)

To : Commandant, First Naval District
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Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District
Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District
Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District
Governor, Guam
Governor, Samoa

SUBJECT: Investigation of Japanese Espionage, Counter-Espionage,
Sabotage and Subversive Activities.

Reference: (a) CNO conf. ltr. Op-16-B-3, A2-8, (SC)A8-5, Serial
No. 0102916, dated July 6, 1940.
(b) CNO conf. ltr. Op-16-B, (SC)A8-5, A3-1/A8-5,
Serial No. 04816, dated January 8, 1941.

1. The delimitation agreement of June 5, 1940, transmitted with reference (a), was modified at a conference on July 29, 1940 between the Directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department and the Office of Naval Intelligence of the Navy Department, so far as subject-named investigations are concerned.

2. The following is a transcript of the notes of the conference on the subject matter:

"Mr. Hoover opened a discussion concerning the handling and coverage of Japanese activities. He stated that the Office of Naval Intelligence has done far more in this field than has any other agency heretofore. Admiral Anderson stated that the Navy has made some check on Japanese activities and has gone into some things which could only be done upon

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"their aggrandized interpretation of Naval interest. He stated that the Navy Department does not want the full responsibility for the checking of the Japanese because of a lack of personnel, etc. Admiral Anderson furnished the conference with the background of Commander McCollom and pointed out that the Commander had resided in Japan, knows the Japanese language and has excellent Japanese contacts. Admiral Anderson agreed to make Commander McCollom and the Far Eastern Division of the Navy Department available for consultation and advice to the FBI at any time it was necessary or desirable. It was agreed that the Navy would continue to check Japanese activities in the same manner as in the past and that the FBI would take all possible steps to assimilate information concerning Japanese activities and to expand its own operations in this field."

3. The investigations of Japanese by the Naval Intelligence Service will be coordinated with those undertaken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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By direction

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