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From: The Secretary of the Navy.  
To: All Ships and Stations.  
Subject: Naval Investigative Functions and Responsibilities.

1. Naval Intelligence personnel are currently authorized to conduct investigations of naval personnel and civilians under naval control in cases of actual or potential espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities, and in those cases which relate to the security of classified naval information.

2. (a) The investigative jurisdiction of the naval intelligence organization is hereby broadened to permit the use of naval intelligence personnel and facilities to investigate:

- (1) Naval personnel
- (2) Civilians under purely naval administrative control, and
- (3) Matters under purely naval administrative control

in cases not specifically and exclusively within the investigative jurisdiction of other Government Departments or Agencies and subject to the limitations set forth in subsequent paragraphs.

(b) Authority to administer, operate, and maintain an investigative service for the Navy to accomplish the purposes outlined in this letter is hereby assigned to the Chief of Naval Intelligence acting under the Chief of Naval Operations.

3. (a) Investigations under the provisions of paragraph 2 (a) shall not be undertaken except on specific request to the Chief of Naval Operations or a District Commandant by competent naval authority such as (1) the Immediate Superior in Command, the Senior Officer Present, or a flag officer afloat, or (2) the Commanding Officer of a naval station, base, shipyard, ammunition depot, or higher authority ashore.

(b) Such requests shall be accompanied by a statement of the necessity for the employment of personnel and facilities of the naval

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intelligence organization and the lack of other adequate means of obtaining the desired information.

4. Investigations regarding naval personnel shall not be undertaken without the full knowledge and approval of the individual's commanding officer.

5. Where a command or commanding officer is under investigation, the investigation shall not be undertaken without full knowledge and approval of appropriate higher authority.

6. In cases of doubt, questions regarding the priority of, availability of facilities for, or the propriety of conducting investigations requested in accordance with this letter, the matter shall be referred for decision by the Chief of Naval Intelligence.

7. Any outstanding orders or directives which are in conflict with this letter are hereby cancelled.

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