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From: Chief of Naval Intelligence.
To: District Intelligence Officers,
All Naval Districts and River Commands.

Subj: Agencies Purporting to Conduct Investigations for the
Central Intelligence Agency.

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence has received reports indicating that persons allegedly engaged in investigations for the Central Intelligence Agency have contacted District Intelligence Officers and individuals in the Intelligence Component of the Naval Reserve. Such persons have used a variety of credentials indicating that they are authorized agents of the U. S. Government; the War Department; the Central Intelligence Agency; and in one case, of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. The following is furnished for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- (a) The organizations heretofore referred to and known as C.S.S. and S.S.U. are no longer in existence.
- (b) By agreement with the Central Intelligence Agency investigations of applicants for positions thereunder are conducted by F.B.I.
- (c) The Central Intelligence Agency does not now maintain nor operate an investigative service in the U.S.
- (d) Representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency engaged in the collection of foreign intelligence from sources within the U.S. are not authorized to conduct investigations, in the generally accepted definition of that term.
- (e) The well established and usual channels through which investigative information is exchanged between the Army and Naval Intelligence shall be strictly adhered to.

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