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From: District Intelligence Officer, Eleventh Naval District.
To: Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Contact Register; development of.

Ref: (a) DNI conf ltr to DIO-11ND ser 015837P32 dtd 16 Nov 49, same subject.
(b) DIO-11ND conf ltr to DNI ser 02413/32, dtd 26 Oct 49, same subject.

1. Reference (a) recommended that DIO-11ND consult freely and completely with the local CIA office regarding the processing of displaced persons for intelligence purposes, and expressed ONI's interest in being informed from time to time of progress made in the exploitation of DP sources.

2. In compliance with the above recommendation, the matter was recently discussed with the Chief, Los Angeles Field Office, CIA, to whom reference (a) was shown. His immediate response, on reading reference (a), was to the effect that his office was just getting started on a large-scale DP project; that background studies were being prepared on foreign colonies and groups in the area for use in connection with the project; that shortly he expected to receive from CIA/Washington thousands of pertinent DP leads; and that, further, a new member would soon be added to his staff for the express purpose of expediting this program.

3. Throughout a somewhat lengthy discussion of the matter, however, no suggestion was forthcoming from him that the cooperation of Naval Intelligence as indicated in reference (a) would be welcome. On the contrary, it was gathered from his silence on this point that in his estimation DP's, as sources of foreign intelligence information, are strictly the concern of CIA, and that CIA is fully equipped to handle the task without Navy or other outside assistance.

4. In view of this attitude, no constructive progress in the matter can be reported at this time. Instead, it is felt that the final major contribution of this office to the problem of exploiting DP's may have been accomplished via reference (b), with its suggested plan for complete and nationwide coverage of the DP intelligence potential. It would seem that if, as is understood, CIA has the matter well in hand and has the means of coping singlehandedly with this vast field, DIO-11ND should henceforth restrict his pursuit of DP's to those cases where for one reason or another CIA might not be in position to carry out its obligation, and where not to take action might mean a loss of possibly valuable information.

5. In any case, this office will at suitable intervals make DP's the subject of discussion with CIA in order to keep informed regarding the overall exploitation of that particular field.

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