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From: Secretary of the Navy  
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Subj: The Naval Inspector General; mission and functions of

**1. Purpose.** To set forth the authority for and prescribe the mission and functions of the Office of the Naval Inspector General.

**2. Cancellation.** SECNAV Instruction 5430.57A of 26 May 1965 is hereby canceled.

**3. Authority.** The statutory authority for the Office of the Naval Inspector General is Public Law 1028, 84th Congress, approved 10 August 1956, Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 5088, as follows:

§ 5088. Naval Inspector General: detail; duties

“(a) There is in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations the Office of the Naval Inspector General. The Naval Inspector General shall be detailed from officers on the active list in the line of the Navy serving in grades above captain.

“(b) The Naval Inspector General, when directed, shall inquire into and report upon any matter that affects the discipline or military efficiency of the Department of the Navy. He shall make such inspections, investigations, and reports as the Secretary of the Navy or the Chief of Naval Operations directs.

“(c) The Naval Inspector General shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the Chief of Naval Operations and shall recommend additional inspections and investigations as may appear appropriate.

“(d) The President may designate the Naval Inspector General as an officer who performs special or unusual duty or duty of great importance and responsibility under section 5231 of this title. Aug. 10, 1956, c. 1041, 70A Stat. 283.”

**4. Concept.** In evaluating the ability of the Department of the Navy to perform its assigned mission, the primary goal of its organization, administration, operation, and efficiency is readiness to respond effectively to foreseeable requirements. Accordingly, it is intended that the Naval Inspector General be the “eyes and

ears” of the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations in determining the degree of attainment of this objective. As such, his sphere of interest shall be broad and include Navy-wide matters of importance, with particular concern for overall readiness, afloat and ashore.

**5. Policy.** The Naval Inspector General shall be responsive to the requirements of the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations. He shall provide to both authorities information independent of the normal subordinate lines of authority and command. As a principle, and in consonance with the Navy’s current command and support policies, the duties of the Naval Inspector General do not alter the authority for and the responsibility of agencies or organizational components of the Department of the Navy to conduct inspections of subordinate units and activities. It is preferable that such inspections be subject to the guidance and coordination of the Naval Inspector General in order to keep the necessary number of inspections to the minimum.

**6. Organization and Responsibility.** The Office of the Naval Inspector General is an organizational component of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. The Naval Inspector General is subject to the direction of the Chief of Naval Operations and the general supervision of the Secretary of the Navy in matters of interest to the Secretary. This responsibility carries with it authority for investigation, inspection, or inquiry into and report on any matter considered by the Naval Inspector General of such importance to the Department of the Navy as to warrant inquiry.

**7. Mission.** Under the direction of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Naval Inspector General is to:

a. Inspect, investigate, or inquire into any and all matters of importance to the Department of the Navy, with particular emphasis on readiness, including but not limited to: effectiveness, efficiency, economy, and safety; personnel requirements, morale, welfare and discipline; command relationships and organizational structure; management practices, including naval program development and control.

b. Serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations on Department of the Navy inspection matters.

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**8. Functions.** The Naval Inspector General shall perform the following functions, taking action of whatever depth and scope he considers necessary in carrying out his mission:

a. Conduct inspections and studies of and make appropriate evaluations, reports, and recommendations concerning:

(1) Afloat and shore-based commands, units, and activities of the Operating Forces of the Navy, including those naval forces assigned to the unified and specified combatant commands.

(2) Commands, Offices, and Bureaus of the Navy Department, including interrelationships between Navy and Marine Corps functions.

(3) Shore (field) activities of the Department of the Navy, extending to such Marine Corps activities as may be directed by the Secretary of the Navy.

b. Establish objectives for, coordinate, and monitor inspection programs afloat and ashore through appropriate commanders, area coordinators, support, and supervisory authorities.

c. Conduct special investigations throughout the Department of the Navy as he deems appropriate, or as directed by the Secretary of the Navy or the Chief of Naval Operations, and make appropriate reports and recommendations.

d. Follow up and follow through on compliance with directives and instructions issued by the Chief of Naval Operations or higher authority.

e. Review and take action on, as appropriate, reports from other audit and inspection agencies of the Department of Defense and Federal agencies.

**9. Reports of the Naval Inspector General.** The Naval Inspector General is the confidential agent of the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations for obtaining uninhibited self-analysis and self-criticism of the internal management, operation, and administration of the Department of the Navy. Reports of the Naval

Inspector General constitute privileged information which is not releasable except with specific approval of the Secretary of the Navy. All requests, from sources outside original distribution, for Naval Inspector General reports, extracts therefrom, or related correspondence shall be referred to the Naval Inspector General for coordination and clearance. Holders of reports shall observe strictly the caveat imprinted thereon.

**10. Special Assistants.** The Naval Inspector General is authorized to requisition military and civilian personnel of the Department of the Navy for temporary assignment as may be required to carry out his mission. Travel and per diem for such temporary personnel will be paid by the parent bureau, office, or command. Specialists from civil life may be utilized temporarily, as required.

**11. Marine Corps Applicability.** The Commandant of the Marine Corps is responsible to the Secretary of the Navy for achieving maximum effectiveness of the Marine Corps. Accordingly, unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant will be responsible for executing the provisions of this Instruction insofar as they are pertinent to the Marine Corps, and he will conduct, or cause to be conducted, such inspections as are required for a continuing survey and evaluation.

**12. Action.** Chiefs of offices and bureaus of the Navy Department and all naval commanders, afloat and ashore, shall extend full cooperation to the Naval Inspector General and his assistants in the performance of their duties.

**13. Supplemental Directives.** The Chief of Naval Operations will issue such amplifying instructions and directives as may be required to carry out the policy set forth herein.

**14. Effective Date.** This Instruction is effective upon receipt.

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Secretary of the Navy

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