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From: The Chief of Naval Operations
 To : The Secretary of the Navy

Subject: Espionage, Counter-Espionage, Sabotage and
 Subversive Activities Investigations on the
 Aleutian Peninsula of Alaska, Kodiak Island,
 Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.

References: (a) Presidential directive to the Secretary
 of the Navy, etc., dated June 26, 1939.
 (b) CNO Conf. Ltr. Op-16-R-3, A208, (SC)A8-5,
 Serial No. 0102916, of July 6, 1940.

1. The President of the United States has directed in reference (a) that all espionage, counter-espionage and sabotage matters be controlled and handled by 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. It was specified that the Directors of these Agencies function as a Committee to coordinate their activities.

2. The Committee composed of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and the Directors of Naval Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation signed an agreement, enclosure (a) of reference (b), delimiting their responsibility. On June 14, 1940, the Acting Secretary of the Navy approved this delimitation agreement.

3. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has requested that the responsibility and jurisdiction for civilian investigations of espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, etc., on the Aleutian Peninsula of Alaska, Kodiak Island, and in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands be assumed by the Office of Naval Intelligence, which is a modification of the delimitation agreement of June 5, 1940, enclosure (a) of reference (b). The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has pointed out that the distances involved are extreme, that the islands are sparsely populated and that it takes a Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent approximately two months to make a contact tour of the islands.

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4. It is recommended that the request of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation be approved. These investigative activities can be assumed by the Thirteenth Naval District Intelligence Organization, which has already requested permission to establish a branch office in Anchorage, Alaska, and has Field Units in the Naval activities at the Naval Air Station, Kodiak Island, and Naval activities at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska. The Fribilof Islands can be covered during July and August each year and through liaison with the Coast Guard at other times. The Navy Department will have sufficient transportation facilities available in this area.

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