

Badges and credentials of our investigators evolved in a variety of forms over the years. The earliest known badges were assigned in 1917 to Special Agents employed by Aids for Information (later District Intelligence Officers) in the Naval Districts. Credentials in the 1930's were occasionally letters identifying the bearer or locally issued 3x5 cards. Full standardization came in 1966 with the establishment of NIS, the one exception being credentials issued to Vietnam-based Special Agents, which deleted all reference to Naval Intelligence.