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MEMORANDUM

From: Commander, Naval Intelligence Command
To: Distribution List

Subj: Delegation of Functions

Ref: (a) VCNO memo ser 406P09B of 21 November 1966

1. Reference (a) is the basic VCNO directive which led ultimately to the establishment of the Naval Intelligence Command. Included therein was a postulation that there were functions being handled in the Pentagon and in OPNAV which should perhaps be handled by the Naval Intelligence Command. A number of operating and technical functions were automatically transferred, along with the associated resources, to NAVINTCOM upon its establishment. There are many other functions, however, that are still being handled through OP-92 under the assumption that they are still CNO business, although most of the actual work is being accomplished in the field. This has resulted in a disproportionate OP-92 work load, with OP-92 and OP-92B being involved in many matters of a more or less routine nature that may or may not require CNO(OP-92) cognizance.

2. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that addressees conduct a thorough review of all of the functions currently being performed for and in the name of CNO with a view toward the official delegation by CNO to COMNAVINTCOM of those broad functions which need not be handled within OPNAV. As a general rule, it would appear that all except major planning and policy matters could be delegated. Is there any reason, for instance, why COMNAVINTCOM could not be delegated the responsibility for all security and investigative matters? Could not the SSO function be a field function? It is requested that, based on the foregoing review, a list of those functions, which in your opinion could be delegated, be provided NIC-1 as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of contributions from all addressees, a letter will be prepared to CNO for ACNO(Intell) signature recommending delegation. This letter will be accompanied by a proposed CNO instruction which, when signed, will constitute the official delegation. The letter will also probably have to be accompanied by proposed CNO letters to certain outside agencies where the delegation of a specific function would require their approval.

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3. By copy of this memorandum contribution and/or comment is invited from the applicable OP-92 offices.

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