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**Memorandum**

TO : Op-092B *W*  
VIA : Op-092P *A*  
FROM : Op-092C

DATE: 8 March 1971

SUBJECT: Greenstriper

1. The attached folder is provided to apprise you of the status of our effort on a Greenstriper relative to NIS agent strength. Attached immediately below is my memo to Op-092 giving the background to the material in the folder.
2. As you will note in the folder, Op-090 has chopped our proposed memorandum to CNO, as written, but O1B has refused to do so.
3. CNP has yet to sign his related Greenstriper--and, thus, has not formally committed himself to providing 20 junior officers to NIS. Until--and unless--he does, we can't argue with O1B. Request the attached material be returned. We'll just hold pending CNP's action.

Very respectfully,

*J. Q. Edwards*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

# Memorandum

DATE: 24 FEB 1971

FROM : Op-092C  
VIA : Op-092B ✓ 2124/71  
TO : Op-092

SUBJ : Greenstriper on NIS resources

1. For all practical purposes the material here presented has either been overtaken by events or is otherwise unlikely to be of help to us.
2. In early November, last year, CNO noted CNP's concern at NIS' posture, and issued a "Greenstriper," with a 25 November deadline. Well before that deadline, we put a paper together and started it through the chop list. CNP held it for a few days and it finally reached O90, who held it for quite a few days, and then returned it with various scribbled notes practically intimating that we were illegal to even ask for more resources, since we were already up to the Congressionally authorized "ceiling" for Naval intelligence expenditures. On receipt of their comments we tried again. Again O90 bounced it, on essentially the same grounds as the first time--and could not be convinced that their logic was faulty. By that time, the FY 71 budget was so set in concrete that any further efforts along that line seemed utterly wasted. Further, the 23 December SecDef memo, and its various staffing demands, absorbed just about all the non-operational time we could muster up at NISHQ. Also, by that time BuPers was wrestling with CNO's direction to them to find some MPN money (or some military bodies) that could be assigned to NIS. The BuPers effort now appears to promise us some 20 JO's in the not too distant future.
3. I frankly think that anything we might do on the Greenstriper will be just more non-profitable paperwork. The requirement to respond, however, has not yet been formally cancelled. The draft response in the attached folder in effect recommends we use our energy in avoiding a FY 72 debacle rather than further belabor the situation in FY 71. If we are to send anything forward, I recommend this approach. My preference, of course, would be to have the Greenstriper simply removed from the list of pending actions.

Very respectfully,

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