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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFVFPERS

Subj: NAVINVSERV capability

1. With regard to future capability of the Naval Investigative Service to meet the Navy's needs the Service will be at 804 agents on 30 June. This compares with a high of 982 in July 1969 and is below the desired 850 that the Director, NAVINVSERV has indicated could meet current requirements.
2. Additionally, Senator Ellender is expected to seek a 12-1/2 per cent cut in overall service investigative strength, which could have further adverse effect.
3. CAPT John Edwards, Director, Naval Investigative Service, says one reason NAVINVSERV hasn't gone completely down the drain is because of the significant reduction of Personal Security Investigation requests. There has been a 9000 decline in this type investigation during the past year. Additionally the Marines took 2000 cases for action when they increased their in-house investigative capability.
4. NAVINVSERV personnel strength by years:

Calendar date	Overall	Special Agents
1 July 69	2087	982
1 July 70	1857	924
1 July 71	1659	804

5. The investigative case load for FY 1967 was 65,000 of which there were 9100 criminal investigations. Personnel security investigations for clearances comprise the bulk. In FY 1971 there will be a projected 75,600 investigations with 21,300 criminal cases. These criminal cases include drug abuse investigations. Criminal case load by year and percentage of all investigations:

F/Year	Percentage	Criminal cases	Drug Abuse cases
67	14	9100	1300
68	18	12200	3300
69	23	18000	7900
70	26	22600	14500
71	28	21300	12900
71		2000	1700

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In 1967 14 percent of the cases were criminal investigations and 82 percent were PSI. In 1971 28 percent will be criminal and 67 percent PSI.

Additionally, for 1971 there has been a significant decrease in Navy and Marine personnel strength. Thus the comparative case load is even higher.

6. NAVINVSERV gives top priority to cases involving sabotage, arson and wrongful destruction. Figures by years for these also show significant increases: 67, 280; 68, 286; 69, 365; 70, 408; 71, 511.

7. Ninety percent of the NAVINVSERV budget goes for salaries. The financial restraints that caused agent reduction were particularly felt because this caused area shortages that could not be alleviated due to the cost of PCS moves.

8. Apparently the 20 agents that were directed to be provided by CNO/VCNO action sheet of 12 January 1971 relative to Green Stripe 587-70 as an assist to drug abuse investigations will not be forthcoming within any foreseeable time frame. Director, Naval Investigative Service has been making low key inquiry as to whether this is a lost cause. He is opposed to enlisted ratings but is quite willing to accept 110X officers, preferably as they complete OCS. These officers could take the load off experienced agents by pursuing routine inquiries and otherwise assisting in NAVINVSERV activities as they learn the trade. As investigative expertise develops the officers could be utilized in more complex situations.

Very respectfully,

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