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The question of female operators  
was discussed in detail at a  
conference when Adm. E. told  
Capt H that Capt Holloway had  
talked to him about an excellent  
proposal for such work. Capt H  
asked for comment on the  
proposition and I had time  
to prepare the attached memo.

Capt H referred it yesterday  
to the admiral who sent it back  
with the observation (verbal)  
that he was never satisfied that  
the scheme was not a parasite  
or undesirable one.

So we want to be  
Tap for reference in the  
this comes up again.

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TO : *Adm Espe*

FROM : *3-1*

SUBJECT: *Ordinances - Jemales*

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Subsequent to our conversation last Tuesday on this subject I had a series of discussions en.re. with Mr. Wilson & Mr. Mullikin.

Discussion brought out that a lot of thought had been given to this aspect of the problem in the past and therefore the memo to me represents conclusions drawn after mature deliberation.

Mr. Mullikin informed me that Capt Dubois after worrying the problem about for months finally came to the conclusion that Jemales should not be employed. Apparently Dubois had not passed his final latest thinking on to you.

I concur in the observations & belief of Mr. Mullikin and recommend that we do not employ Jemales in this

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6 October 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. E. P. HYLANT, USN.

Via: Mr. C. R. Wilson. *Ind*

Subj: ONI Operatives; Employment of women as.

1. Recent investigations of WAVE personnel as suspected homosexuals have raised the question as to the advisability and feasibility of employing women as ONI operatives primarily to facilitate the investigation of such cases.
2. Past investigations of lesbians in the Naval Service conducted by the Office of Naval Intelligence have resulted in uniformly successful conclusions. In fact, a case involving several lesbians occurred within the past few months in which the matter was so compromised by local Shore Patrol activities that the principals repudiated their previous confessions. This case was salvaged by Naval Intelligence, which utilized its time proven and unique investigative techniques in the process.
3. It can be concluded that competent operatives, experienced in such matters, are thoroughly capable of solving cases involving homosexuality among women.
4. In a discussion between a representative from Pensacola regarding a suspected ring of lesbians at that activity, it <sup>was</sup> pointed out that in normal or peaceful times, the highest type of women would show the same reluctance to enter the Armed Services, intrinsically a "man's game" as men would in such times show a normal reluctance, as a whole, to become nurses, or to enter any essentially feminine activity. It can therefore be expected that WAVE personnel, particularly enlisted personnel, will contain a higher percentage of masculine types of varying degrees, and therefore a larger percentage of homosexuals, than exists in the female populace at large. When it is considered that most of the WAVE personnel at Pensacola are mechanics, drivers, etc., the percentage of homosexuals will certainly be increased. In addition, replacements for WAVES who are separated for such reasons will also contain a high percentage of lesbians.
5. The question therefore immediately arises as to the type of woman available for employment as an operative, which is also essentially a masculine occupation. Certain characteristics essential to a successful operative are lacking in the normal feminine type. Characteristics typifying masculinity will be found in most women willing to act as operatives. "Willingness" does not mean initial enthusiasm on the part of a person who actually does not realize what the position entails but the drive to keep on indefinitely in what would be to a normal woman a highly unpleasant task. Those who would stay with such an assignment would very probably be at least latent lesbians with a sublimation in sadistic expression, such expression coming from the detection and prosecution of lesbians.

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6. Not more than one male operative in twenty can be called a really good interrogator. Master interrogators cannot be developed. It is a talent which combines sensitivity toward other people, vast patience, a photographic memory for details of conversation, practical psychology and experience. The chances of obtaining women who are entirely normal and who could overcome their natural repugnance for the assignment and who moreover were good interrogators are very remote.

7. Women are not needed on other types of cases except as special employees, hired for a specific assignment or case. If employed to work on lesbian cases, the final and insurmountable difficulty presents itself. Women can find it in themselves to confess many things to men, whether to their doctors, clergymen or others. They find it extremely difficult to confess their shortcomings to other women. A lesbian of the feminine type will not debase herself before another woman. Even the presence of a WAVE officer in the room is a grave handicap and a strong deterrent. A lesbian of the masculine type has a deep and abiding contempt for other women except as sexual instruments and would face a female interrogator with equanimity and confidence, a situation not conducive to success.

8. It is therefore believed that employment of women should be restricted as indicated herein, and that female operatives would not only be of no help in lesbian cases (excluding informers) but would actually mitigate the chances of bringing such cases to successful conclusions.

*T. J. Mullikin*  
T. J. Mullikin

*Concur strongly in these observations.  
Believe the employment of female operatives  
would achieve no practical success whatsoever.*

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