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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH NAVAL DISTRICT Naval Operating Base Norfolk, Virginia

6 August 1941.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Howard F. Kingman, USN.

SUBJECT:

Negro Naval Intelligence Agents, request for.

- 1. The Commanding Officer of the Naval Training Station, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, has requested this office to assign two negro Intelligence Agents to take the regular course of instruction which is given to all negroes upon entry into the Naval service. The reason given is that there is allegedly considerable Communistic and other subversive agitation among these men and it is believed that should negro agents be given the course with negro recruits, they would be enabled to locate any agitators operating within this class.
- 2. He has further requested that two white agents be as signed to the Naval Training Station to operate similarly among white recruits.
- Japanese agents among the negroes. These negro agents, if appointments were made, would permit this office to be cognizant of any such activity among recruits at the Training Station and further, would permit the agents access, in liberty periods, to the negro settlements in Norfolk and its vicinity.
- 4. Several personnel prospects have been located for this work who are believed to be able, loyal and qualified. These have not as yet been approached or investigated.
- 5. The Commandant of the Fifth Naval District approves the request of the Commanding Officer of the Naval Training Station for these agents and this office believes a necessity for their use exists, especially in view of the fact that operation by white agents in the negro field is impossible. This office believes, also, that work among white recruits by white agents is essential. The activity of negro agents would be entirely limited to negro centers.
- 6. It is requested that this office be permitted to contact two white persons and two negroes for this type of activity, investigate the same for loyalty, etc. and transmit the applications and records to the Office of Naval Intelligence with a view to their appointment as exerts for the specific duties as noted above.

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- I have your personal memorandum to me dated 6 August 1941, regarding the employment of negro Intelligence Agonta.
- MID Circular Letter DC(C) 8-41 of April 7, 1941, 40 authorises the Commandants to appoint Agents, subject to the approval of the Director of Eavel Intelligence. The requisite qualifications for operatives are set forth in paragraph I of the afore-mentioned circular letter.
- If the Commendant wents to appoint negro Agents, who have the requisite qualifications. I feel certain the Department will approve his action. White his Aleger a training a

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My personal feeling in this matter is that negroes should not be employed as Maral Intelligence Agents. However, I believe in this particular case that suitable negroes, taken on as "Special Saployees" and employed as "Informers", could accomplish as much, if crything, as negroes taken on as "Agente".

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Subject was employed by School Board City of Norfolk as Physical Education Director at Booker T. Washington High School (Colored); during the summer of 1939, he attended a First Aid and Life Saving Institute at North Carolina State College under sponsorship of Norfolk Chapter of American Red Cross; during the summer months he was employed as a Life Guard and Special Officer at the colored City Beach, Princess Anne County, Virginia. Coclassificy / Downgrado to

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APPROVED:

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From: To: The Director of Naval Intelligence. The District Intelligence Officer, Fifth

Naval District.

Subject:

NEGRO Special Employees - Employment of.

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- (a) Conf. ltr., same Subject. Serial LL/Johnson, W.A., dated June 11, 1942, regarding William Astor Johnson.
- (b) Conf. 1tr., same Subject, Serial LL/Ashe. V.J., dated June 11, 1942, regarding Victor J. Ashe.
- 1. A thorough search of the files of the Division of Naval Intelligence as of this date has failed to indicate any investigation reports regarding the individuals mentioned in References (a) and (b).
- 2. It is requested that copies of such reports be forwarded immediately, at which time further consideration will be given to the requests contained in References (a) and (b).

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Dictated June 17, 1942

Dictated by Lt. C. R. Wilson
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- (b) Conf. ltr., Comdt. 5 N. D., dated June 11, 1942, for Agent Johnson.
- (c) CNO ltr., Serial 3442616, dated Jan. 1, 1942.
- (d) Conf. CNO ltr., Serial 076916, dated Feb. 12, 1942, with enclosures.

Inclosures:

- (A) Unexecuted copy of contract for Applicant Ashe. in duplicate.
- (B) Unexecuted copy of contract for Applicant Johnson in duplicate.
- Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded for correction or reexecution as it is shown on the enclosures that subjects are applicants for employment as agents, when, in fact, they should be employed in the capacity of agents (excepted status). The reasons for suggesting their employment in this latter capacity are as follows:

a. Article 4 of Chapter II to Enclosure (A) of Reference (d) established a minimum salary of \$2100 per annum for agents. The contracts in Roclosures (A) and (B) set forth salaries of \$150 per month or \$1800 per annum which is below the minimum requirement. With respect to salaries for agents (excepted status), see Enclosure (A) to Reference (d), Chapter V, Article 31 (2).

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b. It is not deemed advisable to permit subjects to carry operatives' credentials because of the nature of their duties. Therefore, for this reason, it is felt that subjects should be employed as agents (excepted status) rather than as agents. Your attention is invited to Article 31 (5) of Chapter V of Enclosure (A) to Reference (d) which deals with the employment of agents (excepted status).

Inasmuch as it is not considered advisable to employ subjects as I-V(3) applicant agents and Reference (c) applies only to I-V(S) applicant agents, subjects should not have been employed until their investigation reports, Form NNI-119, were approved by the Director of Naval Intelligence. This is in accordance with Article 7 of Chapter II of Enclosure (A) in Reference (d). However, since the investigation reports have been reviewed in the Division of Naval Intelligence and found satisfactory, you are hereby authorized to employ subjects as agents (excepted status) at a salary of \$150 per month each, effective as of June 10, 1942, which was their date of entrance on duty.

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