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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Chief of Naval Material

Subj: Proposed regulations covering the assignment of departmental responsibilities for industrial security

Ref: (a) ONM ltr N-0800H:jd AS of 8 Mar 1950 to address

1. In reference (a) comment was requested in connection with the provisions of the subject proposed regulations. The comments of the Commandant of the Marine Corps are as follows:

a. It appears that, at the present time, the Marine Corps, as an agent of the Department of the Navy, could be assigned few if any responsibilities dealing with those phases of industrial security involving the protection of classified military information in the hands of United States industry.

b. It does appear, however, that the Marine Corps as an agent of the Department of the Navy could be assigned responsibility involving the plant protection phase of industrial security for 66 to 100 industrial installations in which the Marine Corps is currently designated as the Armed Services Procurement Planning Office.

c. If the responsibilities described in paragraph (b) above were to be assigned in fact, and such responsibilities were to be delegated to the Marine Corps for implementation, appropriate budgetary and personnel adjustments would be required. Existing requests for industrial mobilization funds for Marine Corps use are limited to actual funds to carry out the Marine Corps responsibility for plant inspection under the Munitions Board Facilities Allocation Program. Therefore no funds are included in Marine Corps budgets for Fiscal Years 1950, 1951, and 1952 which could provide for the assumption of any responsibility in connection with industrial security.

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