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From: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commandants, All Naval Districts (less Sixteenth).
Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Iceland.
Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Argentina.
Commandant, Potomac River Naval Command.
Commandant, Severn River Naval Command.

SUBJECT: Cash Awards for Information concerning Enemy Activities.

1. As a means of encouraging civilians to report certain information of interest to the Navy, it is considered desirable that cash awards be made to civilians furnishing such information when it is of real value. No publicity shall be given to the fact that awards for reporting valuable information have been authorized, except to appropriate officers in the Naval District organization who may, at their discretion, advise informants that such awards can be made. Publicity concerning such payments would produce a flood of hopeful but erroneous reports which would impose a heavy burden upon naval investigative facilities, and defeat the purpose which the awards are intended to accomplish.

2. A schedule of awards for the various classes of information contemplated is indicated hereinbelow (the appropriate amount to be paid in each instance to be determined by the Commandant according to the value of the information obtained):

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(a) For the first accurate and valuable information concerning the movements and activities of enemy war vessels, including minelaying craft, an award not to exceed \$200.00.

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(b) For the first accurate information of the position of enemy mines or of U. S. mines dangerous to navigation, an award not to exceed \$25.00.

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(c) For the first accurate and valuable information leading to the recovery of enemy mines or other objects of naval interest, ^{which} on examination, yield important information, an award not to exceed \$25.00.

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(d) For the first report of a foreign or U. S. mine washed ashore, an award of \$5.00.

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3. Nothing in the foregoing paragraph should be construed as restricting or prohibiting payments for other types of Intelligence information.

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4. Awards made in accordance with paragraph 2, may be paid from the fund "Collection and Classification of Information."

Redictated Apr. 1, 1942

Redictated by Capt. Moore

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