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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District.

Subject: Central Intelligence Agency - Use of U.S. Naval
           Communication Facilities by.

1.   By separate correspondence, the Director, Central Intelli-
gence Agency, Washington, D.C. has informed the Chief of Naval Operations
(CNC) that the Central Intelligence Agency has established a branch office
in the Masonic Temple Building, 333 St., Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.
Accordingly, the Director, CIA has requested authority from the Chief of Naval
Operations to utilize Naval communication facilities for the handling of
their dispatch traffic between New Orleans and Washington, D. C. It was
further requested that the Navy undertake the routine maintenance of the
CIA teletype and associated equipments to be located in the CIA branch office
at New Orleans.

2.   Preliminary discussions were recently conducted by Mr. Wm.
P. Burke, CIA representative in New Orleans and the District Communication
Office, EIGHTH Naval District, relative to the Navy handling CIA traffic
between New Orleans and Washington, D. C., and undertaking the routine
maintenance of their teletype and associated equipments in New Orleans.
The District Communication Officer, EIGHTH Naval District informed Mr. Burke
that the Navy Communication Station, New Orleans was capable of handling the
CIA traffic load, estimated to be between two (2) and three (3) thousand
groups per working day, and undertaking the routine maintenance of the
local CIA equipments.

3.   In view of the foregoing, the CIA will provide and install
the necessary terminal teletype and associated equipments in their New
Orleans office. This equipment will include the teletype scrambling
device, SIGTOT. In addition, this agency will lease and pay for a
simplex landwire circuit to be installed between the Navy Communication
Station, (Relay Station), New Orleans and the local CIA branch office.

4.   Accordingly, the Chief of Naval Operations authorized the
Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District to accept government traffic from the
CIA branch office, New Orleans, for further transmission via Naval
communication facilities to Washington, D. C. In addition, the Commandant
is authorized to undertake the routine maintenance of the local CIA
teletype and associated equipments. However, the routine maintenance of
the CIA equipments should not impose a financial or administrative burden
on the Naval Communication Service.

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Any replacement of requipments or parts at the CIA terminas will be
the responsibility of the local CIA representative.

    5.   CIA traffic will be handled as expeditiously as possible,
but should not interfere with, or delay, the normal flow of official
Navy traffic.

    6.   The routing indicator BESK is hereby assigned to the CIA
branch office, New Orleans, with the following title: "Government
Coordinating Service, New Orleans, La."

    7.   By a copy of this correspondence, the Director, Central
Intelligence Agency is hereby authorized to utilize U. S. Naval
communication facilities for the handling of CIA traffic between the
U. S. Navy Communication Station, New Orleans and Washington, D. C. It
is suggested that the CIA representative in New Orleans be requested to
contact the appropriate authorities in the office of the Commandant,
EIGHTH Naval District relative to the coordination of the above CIA
requirements.

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    (Attn: Capt. W. C. Ford, USN
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