

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF CENSOR

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New York, August 15, 1918

From: Cable Censor, New York

To: Lieut. Commander Eddy, Office Naval Intelligence,  
288 Fourth Ave., New York City

Subject: Requests for investigation from Censorship.

Reference: Conversation between Ensign Carnegie and Lieut. (JG)  
Finch.

1. Ensign Carnegie has requested information to the end that Office of Naval Intelligence might set an approximation covering average daily number of requests from Censorship for investigation of cable users.

2. As Censorship becomes more systematized, and therefore more efficient, censors are able to utilize with greater success information on hand. In one way this cuts down investigations considerably; on the other hand, it is safe to assume that requests made for investigation are absolutely necessary.

3. Messages are not referred direct to O.N.I. from censors. The following procedure is given for your information.

(a) Cablegrams are sent to a Tracing Point, or Research Bureau, where a day and night force consults every item of available information. This includes card cabinets, trade books, of all kinds, British Censors Handbook, M.I.8, telephone directories both foreign and domestic, and various other books of reference, the number and character of which is constantly being added to.

(b) Messages are then returned to censors with information available.

(c) If the Tracing Point is unable to produce any data.

are returned daily by this department, without necessity of investigation by O.N.I.

(e) If Service can establish nothing definite, a Questionnaire (arranged with your office a short time ago) is mailed the party under suspicion. When this questionnaire is returned properly filled out and signed, the same is forwarded to your office, with a copy of the cablegram for investigation.

4. The latter procedure places the party on record over his own signature, and furnishes your representative with a tangible lead on which to work. If the Questionnaire is found to be false, the evidence obtained is definite and indisputable.

5. Considering the foregoing, there is no reason to anticipate an increase in O.N.I. investigations over the present average of twenty a day, from Cable Censorship.

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August 22, 1918.

From: Officer-in-charge, Branch Naval Intelligence  
Office, New York.

To: Cable Censor, New York.  
Copy to O. N. I., Washington.

SUBJECT: Requests for investigation from Censorship.

Reference: Conversation between Lieut.(j.g.) Carnegie,  
and Lieut.(j.g.) Finch, Your letter August 15,  
1918.

1. Please accept my thanks for your letter giving an out-  
line of the methods by which cables are examined in the  
Cable Censor's Office. This information will be of great  
value to this Office.

Lieut. Commander, U.S.N.R.F.