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MEMORANDUM 12032

From: Dir.DivP&P
To: CMC
Subj: Domestic Intelligence (Investigations of Personnel).

I. DISCUSSION:

1. At the present time, all requests for investigation of personnel of the Marine Corps, reports on investigations, and routine personnel clearances made against files of the government intelligence agencies, are handled through the Intelligence Section, Division of Plans and Policies. This represents the great bulk of the counter intelligence work of the section, and is handled by a lieutenant colonel and a second lieutenant.

2. It is believed that the type of work now performed by the counter intelligence desk does not require an officer of the rank of lieutenant colonel. When the officer in charge of that desk was brought to Headquarters for duty, he was a captain, which is believed to be sufficiently high rank for the duty.

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II. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. That the functions of the present counter-intelligence desk of the Intelligence Section, Division of Plans and Policies, be transferred to the Personnel Department and that the Division of Naval Intelligence be so notified; that personnel (one (1) lieutenant colonel, one (1) lieutenant, and one (1) clerk) performing the above functions be transferred from the Division of Plans and Policies to the Personnel Department. (ACTION: Personnel Department; M-2 Section, Division of Plans and Policies.)

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