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Ref: (a) CHINFO ltr Ser 330 of 13 Feb 1970
(b) Executive Memorandum of 26 Jun 1939 relating to the Investigation of Espionage, Counterespionage and Sabotage
(c) Delimitations Agreement of 23 Feb 1949

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1. The following information is provided pursuant to the matter set forth in reference (a).
2. The mission of the Naval Intelligence Command includes the administration, operation, and maintenance of an investigative service for the Naval Establishment in order to satisfy the requirements of references (b) and (c). Reference (b), implemented by reference (c), conferred an exclusive investigative jurisdiction upon Naval Intelligence, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, and the Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force, in the following categories of cases: actual or potential espionage, actual or potential sabotage, and actual or suspected subversive activities.
3. In addition to the above mentioned categories, the facilities of Naval Intelligence are utilized in the following types of investigations, subject to appropriate regulations and jurisdictional agreements: fraud, major criminal offenses, personnel security investigations and loss or compromise of classified material.
4. The Naval Investigative Service was established as the Naval Intelligence component responsible for maintaining and operating a world-wide organization to fulfill the aforementioned Investigative and Counterintelligence responsibilities. The collection of intelligence is an inherent part of this mission, particularly as relates to the areas of

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espionage, sabotage and subversion. In the area of domestic intelligence the Naval Investigative Service relies primarily on information furnished by the FBI pursuant, in large part, to reference (c), which provides for a liberal exchange of information between the signatories. The Naval Investigative Service does not undertake collection efforts on lawful civilian political activity. It does, from time to time, conduct undercover operations, both within and without the U.S., as appropriate to mission accomplishment. However these operations do not normally take the form of agents posing as press photographers at demonstrations, as students on college campuses, or as residents of such places as "Resurrection City."

5. In addition, it should be pointed out that the Naval Investigative Service does not initiate investigations, or conduct investigations at the request of Naval or Marine Corps Commands, when the predication for investigation is the mere expression of views in opposition to official U.S. policy.

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