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From: Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District. 30721

Subject: Transmission of Correspondence between British Intelligence Agent in Manila (16th Naval District) and District Intelligence Officer, 14th Naval District. (British Secret Agent in Manila - Information received from)

Reference: (a) DIO-14 letter IHM/ba, dated August 22, 1941.
(b) OPNAV dispatch 072049, October, 1941.
(c) OPNAV dispatch 061720, August, 1941.

1. In paragraph 1 of reference (a), the District Intelligence Officer stated that a British secret agent in the Far East suggested that an arrangement be effected whereby correspondence between him and his Honolulu agent could be carried in special locked compartments of the Pan-American Airways clipper between Honolulu and Manila, in return for which accommodation, the British agent in the Far East would furnish the District Intelligence Officer and the Military Intelligence Division with information of particular interest to the United States Army and Navy as gathered by him or his agents in the Far East.

2. In reference (b), the Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet and the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, were authorized to arrange for the transmission of correspondence between accredited British intelligence officers in the Far East and in the Fourteenth Naval District by locked compartments or locked boxes in the Pan-American Airways service between Honolulu and Manila whenever space and other considerations within the discretion of the Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet and of the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, render such service practicable.

3. It is to be understood that this service is not to be considered in exchange for information gathered by the British Intelligence in the Far East and sent to the Fourteenth

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Naval District via clipper for transmission to the District Intelligence Officer. Such transmission is decidedly cumbersome, slow and impractical. Any such information should be transmitted by the British representatives to representatives of the Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet, for his information and further transmission at his discretion. The proper British authorities in Washington have been informed of the foregoing and requested to make arrangements accordingly.

4. As a matter of interest to the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, he is advised that the information contained in enclosure (A) with reference (a) was not of importance or of particular interest to the Division of Naval Intelligence, because it was too detailed in its nature, too local in its application and too late in its reception.

5. It is to be noted that reference (b) cancels reference (c).

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