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From: The Chief of Naval Operations
(Director of Naval Intelligence)
To : Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District
Subject: Civilian Investigations of Espionage, Sabotage and
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April 22, 1941.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (b).

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2. Authority is hereby granted to establish a Zone Office at Anchorage, Alaska if the revised plans of the District Intelligence Organization caused by the above additional investigative work so warrant.

3. It is suggested that an annual visit to the Pribilof Islands can be covered at the time of the annual visit of the Naval supply ship during July and August of each year.

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A. G. Kirk
By direction

cc: MID
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please be advised that in accordance with your recent request the Naval Intelligence Service will assume the responsibility for civilian investigations of espionage, sabotage, and subversive activities on the Alaskan Peninsula and islands adjacent, including Kodiak Island, and in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.

The investigations will be carried out by the field services of the Thirteenth Naval District Intelligence Organization whose headquarters are in Seattle, Washington.

I regret that the Navy will be unable to comply with that part of your request concerning the Saint Lawrence Islands due to the fact that no transportation is available.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frank Knox

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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