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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

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From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: All District Intelligence Officers (Except 16ND).
SUBJECT: Subversives in Private Commercial Plants Having Navy Contracts, Dissemination of Information Concerning.
Reference: (a) SecNav conf. ltr. dated May 8, 1942, File (SC)A8-5/QM, Serial 01152716, Subject: Personnel Security--Transfer to Army of Responsibility for.

1. Reference (a) provides that the War Department has complete responsibility for the handling of Alien Questionnaires, Personnel Security Questionnaires, and the discharge of subversives in all plants having contracts with the Navy Department, including those plants which have been retained by the Navy for internal security and passive defense.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 5 of reference (a), which calls attention to the importance of keeping the Naval Service informed of the possible existence of subversives in plants having Navy contracts.

3. The procedures adopted by the Army require action for the discharge of subversives to be taken from War Department Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and not in the field. It is important, therefore, that all information concerning subversives reaches appropriate Army representatives as soon as possible.

4. In order to expedite the procedures involving information concerning subversives in plants having contracts with the Navy Department, it is requested that an additional copy of such information be added to those now forwarded to the Office of Naval Intelligence, in order that the same may be transmitted to War Department Headquarters, directly from the Office of Naval Intelligence. It is specifically requested that where the intelligence is of sufficient importance to warrant the consideration of the discharge of an individual it not be transmitted on 3x5 information cards, but rather by letter or report. Appropriate dissemination to all Naval Districts will be made by the Office of Naval Intelligence in the event action is taken by the War Department.

5. In emergency cases, District Intelligence Officers may of course contact and furnish information directly to Military Intelligence Service field offices, with following report to the Office of Naval Intelligence.

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