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From: Chief of Naval Operations
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To: Commandant, First Naval District;
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Commandant, Fourth Naval District;
Commandant, Fifth Naval District;
Commandant, Sixth and Seventh Naval Districts;
Commandant, Eighth Naval District;
Commandant, Ninth Naval District;
Commandant, Eleventh Naval District;
Commandant, Twelfth Naval District;
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District.

SUBJECT: APPLICANTS FOR ENLISTMENT, U. S. NAVY, non-acceptance of,
due to subversive character.

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Reference: (a) Bullav conf. ltr. Nav 620- GW, P-14-4(1246) of 23
February, 1940.

1. Reference (a) directs that the Officer in Charge of a Navy Recruiting Station who rejects an applicant for enlistment because of his subversive associations, connections or activities, will report the fact of such rejection, giving pertinent information in connection therewith, to the Recruiting Inspector of his Division and to the District Intelligence Officer of the Naval District in which the recruiting station is located. Information copies of this report are to be forwarded to the Recruiting Inspectors of the other four divisions and to the Director of Naval Intelligence.

2. Upon receipt of the above information, District Intelligence Officers will card this to all Naval Districts and to the Office of Naval Intelligence. District Intelligence Officers will cooperate with the Officers in Charge of Recruiting Stations within their Districts, to the fullest extent, in supplying any information in their files which would tend to bear on an applicant's desirability for Naval Service. This, however, must not be construed to mean that actual investigations of every applicant for enlistment in the Navy are to be conducted by District Intelligence Officers. Only those investigations which are beyond the facilities of the Recruiting Stations will be conducted; and in each case, specific authority must be obtained from the Commandant.

Copy to Bureau of Navigation.

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Dictated by Lt Cdr Hunt
28 Feb. 1940
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