

"Admiral Train stated that he desired to bring to the attention of Mr. Hoover the information that as a result of a recent survey the Intelligence Division had been ordered to decrease its personnel by twenty per cent, and that a forty per cent reduction had been ordered in connection with the Investigation Section. Admiral Train continued that it had always been his point of view that a certain amount of investigative activity by the Navy was necessary, and that in those cases where there was Federal Bureau of Investigation jurisdiction they were always referred to the FBI with a request for investigation. Mr. Hoover stated that Admiral Train's viewpoint was quite correct and that the FBI, while it might have authority to perform certain investigative work for the Navy, did not consider it particularly desirable to have Naval personnel investigated by any other agency than the Navy. Mr. Hoover continued that in those cases where investigations were performed for other branches of the Government it had been the distinct policy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to refrain from any administrative determination on the basis of personnel investigations, and that the FBI had no desire to become involved in any of the administrative personnel problems of Governmental agencies. Admiral Train commented on the fact that the efficiency experts who make surveys apparently have a difficult time in seeing why any investigation is necessary at all by the Division of Naval Intelligence and apparently take the point of view that the FBI is available to do any such work which might be required. Admiral Train had stated to these experts the reasons for a certain amount of investigation being performed by ONI and wanted to make sure that his opinions coincided with those of Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover assured Admiral Train that this was the case."

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