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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.

To: The Commandant, Tenth Naval District.

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The Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District.

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Coverage, Agreement for.

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1. In accordance with a Presidential directive governing intelligence coverage in the Western Hemisphere (not including territory under sovereignty of the United States), the heads of the intelligence agencies concerned have reached an agreement as to the manner in which this coverage will be obtained and effected.

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2. The following seven sub-paragraphs give to recipients the general principles determined upon to govern the prosecution of intelligence activities in accordance with this agreement:

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(a) MID will continue the work normally outlined for and executed by Military Attaches, collection of information needed by Military forces.

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(b) Similarly, ONI will continue the work normally outlined for and executed by Naval Attaches, the collection of information needed by the Naval forces.

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(c) FBI will obtain economic, political, industrial, financial and subversive information, including information concerning movements, organizations, and individuals whose activities are prejudicial to the interests of the United States; and will furnish the Military and Naval Intelligence services with all pertinent information obtained.

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(d) Responsibility assigned to one organization in a given field carries with it the obligation to provide, by the most expeditious means possible consistent with requisite security, to the other subscribing agencies all pertinent information received in that field, but it does not imply that the responsible agency alone is interested in, or it only will work in, that field.

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(e) In time of war, in any area the collection of and the coordination of efforts to obtain additional intelligence of interest to our own forces also becomes a responsibility

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of the Commander, Military or Naval, who is exercising unity of command in that area. (Commandant, Tenth Naval District in Caribbean Sea Frontier, for example.) The FBI will have the additional responsibility of effecting delivery of any information of interest to the appropriate Military (Naval) Commander through the most expeditious channel consistent with the requisite security of the information and its sources.

(f) The Commanders thus affected will notify their respective Departments of any additional assistance needed.

(g) Knowledge of the Agreement about which this memorandum deals is very closely held. It is requested that the recipients of this document restrict knowledge of its existence to those who are definitely required to have it in the performance of their duties.

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