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From: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Navy Department.
Subject: Clearance of Commercial Companies in Connection
with Classified Contracts for the Army and Navy.
Reference: (a) Under SecNav letter No. (SC)P14-2/QM Op-16-
B-10 P14-2/QM, Serial 01038616, dated
October 25, 1941.
(b) Under SecNav letter No. (SC)P14-2/QM,
Serial 0425616, dated February 22, 1942.

1. In the interest of security and community of
action by the Army and Navy, Joint Security Control recommends
as follows:

- "(a) When the Chief of any agency of the War or Navy
Department charged with making contracts awards
a classified contract to a commercial firm, he
shall supply the following information to the
appropriate Intelligence Service (MIS or ONI):
- (1) Name of company to which contract is awarded.
 - (2) Classification of the contract.
 - (3) Nature of work or material which is the subject
of the contract.
 - (4) Information as to whether the awarding of the
contract denotes a limited clearance of the
company - for that contract only - or indicates
that by virtue of the award the company is
cleared to receive other contracts without
restriction as to classification.

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- (b) Decisions as to clearance of commercial firms to perform classified contracts shall be made:
 - (1) In the War Department by the Military Intelligence Service based on information secured by the Military Intelligence Service.
 - (2) In the Navy Department by the appropriate contracting agency (Bureau or Office) based on information secured by the Office of Naval Intelligence.
- (c) MIS and ONI shall keep a file of the information mentioned in (a) above and shall mutually exchange such information.
- (d) Contracting agencies shall under no circumstances issue letters of clearance to civilian firms or laboratories. (By clearance is meant authority to receive classified information from the Army and Navy.)"

2. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations concurs in the above-quoted recommendations and the addressees are directed to comply therewith.

3. The reports herein required of contracting officers are intended to supplement, but not to supplant, the lists furnished by inspection officers pursuant to references (a) and (b).

/s/ F. J. Horne
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