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From: Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
(Director of Naval Intelligence).

Subject: Priority Lists of Dangerous Aliens as submitted to the United States Ambassador by the Commanding General, Panama Canal Department.

- Enclosure:
- (A) List of dangerous Axis Sympathizers.
 - (B) List of dangerous Germans.
 - (C) List of dangerous Italian Aliens.
 - (D) List of Japanese in the City of Colon.

1. On November 14, 1941, a representative of G-2, Panama Canal Department, and a representative of the Fifteenth Naval District Intelligence Officer, together with the Chief of the Civil Intelligence Section, Panama Canal, conferred for the purpose of determining which of various suspicious individuals in Panama should be first apprehended for internment when such a measure is effected.

2. In considering the various suspicious persons whose names should constitute the proposed lists, the following factors were taken into account:

- (a) All Japanese should be interned immediately.
- (b) The number of other nationalities should be limited to those considered most dangerous;
 - (1) So that everyone could be apprehended within a minimum period of time, and
 - (2) Because housing facilities are not now available for all who might profitably be interned.
- (c) Several individuals whom it was considered should be interned as soon as possible were passed over in order to comply with subparagraph (b) above, because they are unable to suddenly depart or go into hiding and could be easily apprehended in a later round-up.

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3. Lists of names meeting the requirements of paragraph 2 above were prepared, and on November 16, 1941 were transmitted to the United States Ambassador by the Commanding General, Panama Canal Department. Copies of those lists are forwarded herewith as enclosures (A), (B), (C) and (D).

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4. It is understood that it is the present intention to apprehend all other suspicious individuals, who are believed to be potentially less dangerous to the interests of the United States than those listed in the enclosures, at a later date.

5. Attention is invited to the fact that the primary responsibility for all arrangements incident to apprehending suspects for internment, as well as the actual apprehension itself, rests in this area with the Commanding General, Panama Canal Department.

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