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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: The Commandant, Third Naval District. 622195  
Subject: RIGGS, Roland R., Lieut. Comdr., USN (Ret.),  
163 West 44th Street, New York City.  
Reference: (a) CNO secret ltr. dated Dec. 24, 1941, to  
ComThree, same subject.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of FBI report dated May 19, 1940,  
same subject.

1. Reference (a) requested a very thorough but most discreet investigation of subject's current activities.
2. The name Riggs appearing in enclosure (A), which is forwarded for your information, refers to subject person and not to Commander Ralph S. Riggs who was Aide to Mr. Lewis Compton, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy.
3. Please advise as to the status of the investigation.
4. The urgency of delivery of this document is such that it will not reach the addressee in time by the next available officer courier. The originator therefore authorizes the transmission of this document by registered mail within the continental limits of the United States.
5. It is hereby certified that the originator considers it impracticable to phrase this document in such a manner as will permit a classification other than secret.

Dictated Feb. 24, 1942  
Dictated by Lt. R. H. Jamison  
Typed by J. Hoch

J. B. W. Waller,  
By direction.

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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: The Commandant, Third Naval District. 621841  
Subject: RIGGS, Roland R., Lt. Comdr., USN (Ret.)  
163 West 44th Street, New York City, N. Y.

1. Serious allegations and charges have been received in the Office of Naval Intelligence that the subject officer

- (a) Is openly pro-Nazi and violently anti-Jewish;
- (b) Is opposed to the Democratic form of government and advocates its overthrow;
- (c) Is hopeful of obtaining a position of power under the Nazi regime if the United States is conquered;
- (d) Is a friend of Joachim Von Ribbentrop;
- (e) Has ready access to Office of Naval Intelligence files (through an undisclosed connection).

2. Lt. Comdr. Riggs was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in the class of 1904, and was retired on June 30, 1911. He was ordered to special temporary duty in the Office of Naval Intelligence October 12, 1917; thence to duty as Assistant to the Naval Attache, Rome, Italy, until February 28, 1919; and was relieved from all active duty on April 2, 1919.

3. The subject officer has resided in Paris, France, Washington, D. C., London, England, and in California, where he was a Professor of Political Science at the University of California. He is reported to have had no regular employment since 1938 and at present to be in rather "seedy" condition.

4. It is requested that a very thorough but most discreet investigation be made of subject's current activities and  
Dictated Dec. 22, 1941  
Dictated by Lt. M. T. Little  
Typed by J. Colvin

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associates and that, if considered necessary, he be placed under full surveillance. It is further requested that no leads be indicated for other Districts at this time. Should subject leave his present address, please notify the Office of Naval Intelligence promptly.

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