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From: Director of Naval Intelligence.  
To: District Intelligence Officers, all Naval Districts;  
Intelligence Officer, Potomac River Naval Command;  
Intelligence Officer, Severn River Naval Command.

Subject: HOMOSEXUALS, Investigations of.

Reference: (a) Conf. ltr. from Secretary of the Navy to All Ships  
and Stations, dated 1 Jan 1943, subj: Procedure  
for the Disposition of Homosexuals Among Personnel  
of the U.S. Naval Service, File #P13-7, 83443.

1. Reference (a) sets forth in detail the procedure for dis-  
position of naval personnel who are homosexuals. Subdivision II of  
Paragraph 4 directs that in Class II cases the accused shall be confronted  
with charges and specifications for trial by General Court Martial.

2. It has been noted that in the investigation of some Class II  
cases where the subject has made a written statement admitting his activi-  
ties, the investigator has taken subject's resignation or agreement to  
accept an undesirable discharge.

3. It is considered desirable by the Bureau of Naval Personnel  
that reference (a) be followed literally in the matter of confronting  
accused homosexuals with charges and specifications. Such a procedure  
is an administrative function and, therefore, not within the province of  
the Naval Intelligence Service. When competent naval authorities have  
expressly requested the assistance of the Naval Intelligence Service in  
such cases, its participation shall be limited to the gathering of parti-  
nent evidence, which may include the obtaining of a signed statement  
from the subject. Its activities shall not include the preparation of  
or confronting the accused with charges and specifications, or obtaining  
his tender of resignation, or agreement to accept an undesirable discharge.

4. A report of the investigation, together with any statements  
obtained, shall be furnished promptly to the proper authorities in order  
that any administrative action required may be taken.

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