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Date: 22 SEP 98 Unit: NCIS 22

From: Chief of Naval Intelligence.  
To: District Intelligence Officer -  
All Naval Districts and River Commands.

Subj: Naval Intelligence Functions and Responsibilities.

Reis: (a) Delimitation Agreement dated 9 Feb. 1942.  
(b) VCNO Ltr. SO1061029 - Ser. 384616 - Improper  
Employment of Intelligence Officers - dated 6 Oct. 1942.  
(c) CNO Conf. Ltr. (SC)Pl-7, A9/ND Ser. 01093416 - Security  
Investigations of Personnel - dated 25 May 1945.

End: (A) 2 Copies SecNav Conf. Ltr. (SC)Pl-7, A3-1/EN3-10  
Ser. 0223P23 dated 1 November 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and files of the District Intelligence Officer.
2. It is felt that Enclosure (A) firmly establishes the Naval Intelligence Service as the investigative agency of the Navy where its facilities, trained personnel, and uniform procedures in the conduct of investigations of matters under naval jurisdiction may be required.
3. This places new and added responsibilities upon the Naval Intelligence Service which its past record fully justifies. It is therefore incumbent upon the entire organization to maintain an investigative staff thoroughly trained and capable of rendering creditable service to the Navy. To this end the District Intelligence Officer is enjoined to recruit, train, and employ the best available personnel, preferably from among those who have had war-time experience in Naval Intelligence, to fill the peace-time complement of his organization.
4. References (a) to (c) are not considered to conflict with Enclosure (A) in any respect, and therefore remain in full force and effect.

/s/ THOS. B. INGLIS.  
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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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From: The Secretary of the Navy.  
To: All Ships and Stations.

Subject: Naval Investigative Functions and Responsibilities.

1. Naval Intelligence personnel are currently authorized to conduct investigations of naval personnel and civilians under naval control in cases of actual or potential espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities, and in those cases which relate to the security of classified naval information.

2. (a) The investigative jurisdiction of the naval intelligence organization is hereby broadened to permit the use of naval intelligence personnel and facilities to investigate:

- ✓ (1) Naval personnel
- ✓ (2) Civilians under purely naval administrative control, and
- (3) Matters under purely naval administrative control

in cases not specifically and exclusively within the investigative jurisdiction of other Government Departments or Agencies and subject to the limitations set forth in subsequent paragraphs.

(b) Authority to administer, operate, and maintain an investigative service for the Navy to accomplish the purposes outlined in this letter is hereby assigned to the Chief of Naval Intelligence acting under the Chief of Naval Operations.

3. (a) Investigations under the provisions of paragraph 2 (a) shall not be undertaken except on specific request to the Chief of Naval Operations or a District Commandant by competent naval authority such as (1) the Immediate Superior in Command, the Senior Officer Present, or a flag officer afloat, or (2) the Commanding Officer of a naval station, base, shipyard, ammunition depot, or higher authority ashore.

(b) Such requests shall be accompanied by a statement of the necessity for the employment of personnel and facilities of the naval

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intelligence organization and the lack of other adequate means of obtaining the desired information.

4. Investigations regarding naval personnel shall not be undertaken without the full knowledge and approval of the individual's commanding officer.

5. Where a command or commanding officer is under investigation, the investigation shall not be undertaken without full knowledge and approval of appropriate higher authority.

6. In cases of doubt, questions regarding the priority of, availability of facilities for, or the propriety of conducting investigations requested in accordance with this letter, the matter shall be referred for decision by the Chief of Naval Intelligence.

7. Any outstanding orders or directives which are in conflict with this letter are hereby cancelled.

*James F. Fowler*

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