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Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District;
Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District;
Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District;
Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Japanese Espionage, Intelligence, Propaganda and
Enlightenment Organizations in the United States.

1. Information has been received from a very reliable and confidential source that the Japanese Consulates, Government Agencies, Chambers of Commerce, Japanese Associations, influential business firms and banks, have been directed to redouble their security measures against activities of United States Intelligence Agents. This information verifies the fact that these agencies and activities are a part of the subject-named Organizations.

2. Consular Offices have also been directed to warn resident Japanese within their jurisdiction in regard to care in the use of telephones in view of the likelihood of wire-tapping activities.

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