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From: The Secretary of the Navy
To: All District Commandants
Commandant, Washington Navy Yard

SUBJECT: Naval District Intelligence Organizations -
Further Expansion of

Reference: (a) CNO ltr. Op-16-B, A3-1/ND, (SC)A3-1/ND,
Serial No. 0177616, dated March 17, 1941.

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1. In reference (a) all District Commandants and the Commandant, Washington Navy Yard were informed that the time had arrived for placing the Naval Establishment in an advanced state of readiness.

2. There exists the likelihood that, should mobilization be ordered, this circumstance may be the signal for an outbreak of sabotage in all activities engaged in work contributing to the national defense and an acceleration in the efforts of subversive and espionage groups throughout the Naval Establishment.

3. To cope adequately with such a situation it is apparent that the Naval Intelligence forces must be fully mobilized prior to M-Day if and when ordered.

4. It is therefore desired that the expansion directed in reference (a) continue in a progressive and orderly manner until, with the exception of the Censorship Branch, a state of readiness equal to that of mobilization is reached for the Intelligence Service.

/s/ FRANK KNOX

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