

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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Washington

May 22, 1941

From: The Secretary of the Navy

To : Commandant, First Naval District  
Commandant, Third Naval District  
Commandant, Fourth Naval District  
Commandant, Fifth Naval District  
Commandant, Sixth Naval District  
Commandant, Seventh Naval District  
Commandant, Eighth Naval District  
Commandant, Ninth Naval District  
Commandant, Tenth Naval District  
Commandant, Eleventh Naval District  
Commandant, Twelfth Naval District  
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District  
Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District  
Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District  
Commandant, Sixteenth Naval District  
Commandant, Washington Navy Yard  
Commandant, Naval Station, Guam  
Commandant, Naval Station, Tutuila, Samoa

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Subject: Naval Personnel and Civilian Employees of the Naval Establishment engaged in subversive activities.

Reference: (a) DNI conf. ltr. Op-16-B, A8-5/QQ/ND, (SC)A8-5(4), Ser. No. 0309316, of November 12, 1940.

1. In reference (a) Commandants of all Naval Districts and Stations were directed to prepare lists and files of suspects in the classifications of (a) known dangerous, to be immediately picked up in the event of a national emergency, and (b) suspects regarding whom more specific information is desired, but who in the event of a sudden emergency would also be apprehended. These suspect lists and files should contain the names of the subject individuals.

2. Investigations of all Naval personnel and civilian employees in the Naval Establishment and classed as suspects in the above mentioned categories should be expedited and, where practicable, surveillance placed over the "known dangerous."

3. In the event a national emergency is declared, addressees are expected to summarily discharge the subject named personnel in the two suspect categories or to suspend them pending further investigation. Reports and justification of such action should be made immediately to the Secretary of the Navy via the Office of Naval Intelligence.

(signed)  
FRANK KNOX

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