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From: The Chief of Naval Operations

To: All District Commandants
Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.
Commandant, Naval Station, Guam
Commandant, Naval Station, Tutuila, Samoa

Subject: Intelligence Information of Interest to Other
Governmental Agencies - Proper Dissemination of,

Reference: (a) ONI-19, Art. 137(b).

1. Effective operation of a Naval District Intelligence Organization requires the prompt and complete dissemination, to other governmental agencies in the District, of all appropriate information of interest to such agencies. The purpose of this dissemination is not only to supply other governmental agencies with information, but to obtain their cooperation in any action which may be required thereon.

2. The policy of the Navy Department in this regard is set forth in Reference (a).

3. The Department is receiving reports from District Intelligence Offices which contain matter of obvious interest to other governmental agencies, but which show no dissemination to the local offices of those agencies. In such cases, the Department must (1) assume that the report was inadequately disseminated in the originating district and (2) either disseminate it to the head offices of the other interested governmental agencies, or request the district concerned to effect complete and proper local dissemination of the report. Such action may result in duplication and usually causes delay.

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4. Commandants will, through their District Intelligence Officers:

(a) Disseminate appropriate information to offices, in their districts, of all governmental agencies which may be interested in, or authorized to act upon such information;

(b) Indicate fully in reports, cards and other communications, to whom the information therein was disseminated.

/s/ R. E. Ingersoll
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