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MEMORANDUM

From: The Director of Naval Intelligence
To: The Division of Naval Intelligence
SUBJECT: Information in ONI Investigation Files -
Release of.

1. Officers attached to the Division of Naval Intelligence frequently receive inquiries from other Officers, friends, or acquaintances, requesting information concerning individuals in whom they are interested, as to whether ONI has information in its files or has conducted, or is conducting, an investigation.

2. It is desired to point out that information in the files of ONI, particularly as regards individuals concerning whom reports may have been received, or investigations conducted, is inherently of a nature more closely restricted as between the individual himself, the sources of the information or reports, and the cognizant action agency, than, for example, an Officer's report of fitness.

3. For this reason, it is directed that such inquiries be replied to in a manner indicating:

(a) That the Officer receiving the inquiry is not in possession of the knowledge, and

(b) That even if he did know, he is not permitted to furnish the information desired.

(c) Any information that may have been received in ONI is invariably made available to those whose duties require that they receive it, beyond which it cannot be divulged.

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