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Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
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MEMORANDUM

From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: The District Intelligence Officers, All Naval
Districts (except 16).
Intelligence Officer, Potomac River Naval Command.
Intelligence Officer, Severn River Naval Command.
SUBJECT: Delimitation Agreement - Interpretation of.

1. The question of investigative jurisdiction in cases involving sabotage, espionage, and subversion on board merchant vessels being fitted with Navy guns has arisen in at least one District, and has been decided by the following interpretation of the Revised Delimitation Agreement -

(a) Where the title to the vessel remains with private owners or other Government agencies, investigative jurisdiction is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which will also investigate any sabotage of the guns.

(b) The Federal Bureau of Investigation will not assume this jurisdiction, where the damage occurs within a U. S. Navy Yard.

2. As any damage committed to guns being, or already, installed, will probably be initially reported to representatives of the Navy, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has requested that the above interpretation be brought to the attention of all Naval District Intelligence and Coast Guard Officers, and has advised that appropriate instructions will be issued to its field divisions.

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/s/ J. B. W. WALLER
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