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From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: All Naval Districts (except 16).
SUBJECT: Alleged unauthorized publishing or broad-
casting of classified information - Inves-
tigation of.

1. Numerous reports have been received from the Districts which indicate that extensive investigations have been conducted regarding Subject without first ascertaining whether the information in question has been approved for publication.
2. When such reports are submitted to the Security Section of the Office of Naval Intelligence it is frequently learned that release of the information has been sanctioned by the Office of Public Relations of the Navy.
3. It is therefore suggested that in doubtful cases all available information be presented to the local Public Relations Office prior to investigation to ascertain if the publication had been given clearance.
4. In the event that the local Public Relations Officer has no information it is suggested that he be requested to refer the matter to the Public Relations Office in Washington for final decision.

/s/ Rhea Whitley

Rhea Whitley,
By direction.

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