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From: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commandants, All Naval Districts (Except Sixteenth); Commandants, All River Commands; Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps; Headquarters, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Procedure in Cases Involving Frauds Against the United States Government.

1. While cases involving fraud against the United States Government are essentially under the cognizance of the Department of Justice, it is within the province of the Division of Naval Intelligence to undertake an investigation in such cases to ascertain whether and to what extent naval personnel are involved.

2. Where preliminary investigation reveals that personnel of the naval establishment - officer, enlisted, or civilian - are not implicated, the matter should be referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the District Intelligence Officer for appropriate action.

3. Where such investigation indicates that naval personnel are involved, two copies of the report should be forwarded to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations with a statement of the action taken, contemplated, or recommended by the officer in charge of such personnel. Dissemination of these reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

4. In no event should cases involving fraud against the United States Government be referred to the U. S. Attorneys or to any agency of the Department of Justice other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

/s/ H. C. Train

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