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From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.  
To: Distribution List.  
Subject: Counter Intelligence Officers.  
Reference: (a) Conf ltr from CMC to Distribution List,  
AO-306-tb (02H7743), dated 27Mar43.

1. Reference (a) is hereby revoked.

2. A limited number of civilians has been procured and commissioned in the Marine Corps Reserve (VS-IDI) for counter intelligence duty at the larger posts and stations in the continental limits of the United States. They are men who have had experience as lawyers or investigators in either public law-enforcing agencies or civil investigating organizations. They have attended, or will attend, the Marine Corps Indoctrination Course and the U.S. Navy Basic Intelligence Training School.

3. These officers are trained primarily for duties involving counter intelligence. Their field of activity will include any investigations necessary in connection with personnel of the posts suspected of disloyalty or unethical behavior; suspected sabotage or subversive activity affecting the station; security of information vital to the war effort, including troop movements; censorship regulations; contact with local and national law-enforcing agencies of the government; and surveillance of personnel, as a result of requests from Headquarters Marine Corps and the Naval District concerned.

4. The activities of the counter intelligence officers, while under the administrative command of the commanding officer of the Marine Corps station, will be coordinated with the District Naval Intelligence officer in accordance with ONI 19. The activities of the counter intelligence officer must however be

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limited to the immediate vicinity of the post to which he is attached. Where further investigation becomes necessary requests should be made to the appropriate Naval Intelligence officer.

5. Commanding officers are authorized hereby to permit counter intelligence officers assigned to their posts to wear civilian clothes whenever this may appear necessary or desirable in the performance of their duties.

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