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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Navy Dept.
Subject: Clearance of Commercial Companies in connection with Classified Contracts for the Army and Navy.
Reference: (a) VCNO ltr (SC) A8-6 Op-16-B-4 A8-6/QM Serial 01914416 dated 11 August 1943.
(b) UnderSecNav ltr (SC)P-14-2/QM Op-16-B-10 Pl4-2/QM Serial 01038616 dated 25 Oct 1941.
(c) UnderSecNav ltr (SC)Pl4-2/QM Serial 0425616 dated 22 February 1942.
(d) UnderSecNav ltr Serial 02874316 Op-16-B-4 Pl4-2/QM, dated 18 December 1943.

1. Paragraph 1 (a) of reference (a) is hereby cancelled.

2. The material requested in sub-paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of paragraph 1 (a) of reference (a) is now being obtained pursuant to directives set out in references (b), (c), and (d).

3. The Chief of Naval Operations understands that all contracting bureaus consider that the awarding of a contract denotes only a limited clearance of a company for purposes of the particular contract. Accordingly, the information requested in sub-paragraph 4 of paragraph 1 (a) of reference (c) is no longer necessary.

4. The provisions of sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph 1 (b) of reference (a) were not intended to mandatorily require a contracting bureau to obtain information concerning any commercial firm from the Office of Naval Intelligence prior to the letting of a contract with that firm. The provisions of this paragraph were intended to make use of the facilities of the Office of Naval Intelligence discretionary with the contracting bureaus.

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