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From: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Naval District Commandants (less 16).  
Commandants, River Commands.  
Director, Naval Intelligence Division.  
Director, Base Maintenance Division.

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Subject: Security Responsibility for Private Plants Holding Navy Contracts, Navy Owned-Privately Operated Plants, and Naval Shore Activities - Clarification of the Functions of the Security Organization and the Naval Intelligence Service.

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Reference: (a) Vopnav ltr, (SC)A3-1/ET14, Op-16-B, 13-1/ET14;  
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1. In order that matters pertaining to Internal Security at subject facilities will be expeditiously handled, and without duplication of effort, a clear understanding is necessary as concerns the respective functions of the Security Organization and the Naval Intelligence Service.
2. The term Naval Intelligence Service will include the Director, Naval Intelligence Division, the District Intelligence Officers, and Intelligence Officer attached to individual Naval Shore Activities.
3. The term Security Organization will include the Security Section under the Director, Base Maintenance Division, the District Security Officers and Security Officers attached to individual Naval Shore Activities.
4. The function of the Naval Intelligence Service is to collect, evaluate and disseminate information and intelligence to the Navy Department and the Naval Establishment. In matters involving espionage, counter-espionage, sabotage and subversion the Delimitation Agreement of 9 February 1942, between the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Military Intelligence Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation interprets the President's desires as expressed June 26, 1939. Outside these four basic categories, the investigative jurisdiction of the Naval Intelligence Service is not restricted, but the Naval Intelligence Service will not function where there is no Naval interest.
5. The function of the Security Organization is to direct and co-ordinate action taken to prevent injury or death to personnel or damage or destruction of material from acts of sabotage or by enemy agents; to prevent impairment of the Navy's war effort or the production of Navy material by subversive activities conducted among or directed at personnel in the Navy Department or the Naval Shore Activities, or in plants producing material for the Navy and to insure information of value to the enemy from becoming accessible or compromised.
6. Since the Army has assumed responsibility for security of civilian personnel at private plants holding Navy contracts and at Navy owned-privately operated plants, the Naval Intelligence Service will not have any primary investigative responsibility as concerns these types of facilities, except when Navy personnel, service or civilian, may be involved.

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7. Wherein matters concerning Internal Security may be revealed in investigations by the Naval Intelligence Service or by reports from agencies outside the Navy, the Naval Intelligence Service will advise the Security Organization in order that action may be initiated. Any other information which the Naval Intelligence Service may consider necessary for the Security Organization to discharge its functions shall likewise be transmitted to the Security Organization.

8. As regards Internal Security at subject facilities, the Naval Intelligence Service will distribute to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the Military Intelligence Service, and to the U. S. Coast Guard any information it deems appropriate but it shall not distribute such information to any other action agency within the Navy or the Army except the Security Organization.

9. When dissemination of such information pertaining to Internal Security to other action agencies within the Navy or the Army is indicated such dissemination shall be the responsibility of the Security Organization.

10. The Office of Naval Intelligence is the established liaison for the Navy Department with Military Intelligence Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in the field the District Intelligence Office performs the same liaison with field units of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Military Intelligence Service.

11. Naval personnel concerned with Internal Security matters in subject facilities will refer such matters as arise within their jurisdiction to the proper officer of the Security Organization for initiation of corrective action, and except in case of extreme emergency, shall not directly communicate with field representatives of the Provost Marshal General of the Army nor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

12. Matters pertaining to the Security of vessels, harbors, ports, and water-front facilities, except such water-front facilities as may be directly operated by the War Department, in the United States and in Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, shall remain in the jurisdiction of the U. S. Coast Guard in accordance with the provisions of Reference (a).

/s/ F. J. HORNE  
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