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From: The Secretary of the Navy.
To: All Ships and Stations.
SUBJECT: Naval Investigative Functions and Responsibilities.
Reference: (a) SecNav Conf. ltr. to ALL Ships and Stations,
dated 1 Nov. 45, Ser. 0223P23, same Subject.

1. Paragraph one of Reference (a) refers to the investigation by Naval Intelligence of naval personnel and civilians under naval control in cases of actual or potential espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities and in cases related to the security of classified naval information. The provisions thereof remain in full force and effect.

2. Paragraph two of Reference (a) broadened the investigative jurisdiction of the Naval Intelligence organization to permit the use of its facilities to investigate:

- (1) Naval personnel
- (2) Civilians under purely naval administrative control, and

(3) Matters under purely naval administrative control in those cases not specifically and exclusively within the investigative jurisdiction of other Government Departments or Agencies and subject to the limitations set forth in the subsequent paragraphs thereof.

3. Since the issuance of Reference (a) the demands made upon the Naval Intelligence investigative organization have steadily increased.

4. At present there are two classes of cases which are of particular urgency. They are (1) subversive investigations, and (2) investigations to determine the loyalty of Naval employees and applicants. Other investigations, not of a direct intelligence interest, must be subordinated under present working conditions to permit concentration on these types which directly affect the security of the Naval Establishment.

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5. Addressees are directed to make a careful analysis of requests for investigations to Naval Intelligence in the light of paragraph three (b) of Reference (a) and the information set forth in paragraph four hereof. Minor thefts, for example, consume much time in handling and could be performed frequently by personnel attached to the command and without recourse to the facilities of Naval Intelligence.

6. The need for adequate security of the Naval Establishment is paramount; consequently, in the best interests of the service, requests to Naval Intelligence for investigations of a direct non-intelligence nature must be cleared with the Commandant of the district concerned to assure that the intelligence organization of that district can assume such investigations without jeopardizing the completion of its other work.

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