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Subj: Investigative Procedures Concerning Racial Extremist Organizations (U)

1. (C) Racial extremist organizations located on Naval or Marine Corps activities represent a potential or actual threat to the security of those activities and, as such, are of immediate counterintelligence interest. While the normal Naval Investigative Service reporting vehicle for such information is a NIR, or a CCR if in response to a CCI, addressees are reminded that investigations shall be initiated whenever reliable information indicates that the organization:

- a. advocates the achievement of its aims and objectives through violent or illegal acts;
- b. advocates the violation of the civil rights of others;
- c. presents an obvious threat to the security of the Navy or Marine Corps; or
- d. receives leadership or financial assistance from a subversive organization.

2. (C) Investigations in these instances will have as their basic objective the determination of the truth of the allegation. In addition, they shall determine (insofar as possible):

- a. the goals of the organization;
- b. the identities of its officers and members;
- c. whether it is a branch or chapter of another organization, or has branches or chapters of its own;
- d. whether it received leadership or financial assistance from other organizations; and
- e. whether it has any publications (in which case, copies will be obtained).

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3. (C) Even though an investigation is being conducted concerning a specific organization, a separate investigation may be initiated on any military (Navy or Marine Corps) member(s) of that organization. Aside from directing investigative attention towards the specific individual, this procedure will enable the documentation of information and evidence concerning the individual in the event court-martial or administrative action is contemplated or necessary.

4. (C) There have been instances when organizations of the type described above have been located adjacent to Naval or Marine Corps installations and have targeted their activities against the military personnel assigned on the installations. Often military personnel will be members of or occupy positions of leadership in these organizations. Any investigation of such organizations, based upon the policies set forth herein, must be coordinated with, and have the concurrence of the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the event an investigation is initiated under these circumstances, it shall be strictly limited to the organization's alleged activities which directly affect the installation. This does not preclude initiation of investigations regarding individual military members of such groups.

5. (C) As in other investigations, it is preferable to have a command request in these instances; however, they may be initiated at the direction of DIRNIS, or his designees. Tense racial situations which have arisen at some Naval and Marine Corps activities are of the utmost concern to the commanding officers of those affected activities and to the Chief of Naval Operations or the Commandant of the Marine Corps. It is therefore extremely important that NISOs and NISRAs keep interested commands and DIRNIS apprised of these situations in a timely, accurate, and complete manner. New developments must be reported in the same way. NISOs and NISRAs shall give prompt attention to matters relating to racial extremist incidents and shall maintain close liaison with commands to insure that requirements are serviced in as complete way as possible.

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