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From:

The Chief of Naval Operations.

To:

The Commandant, Tenth Naval District.

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The Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District.

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SUBJECT:

Intelligence Coverage, Agreement for.

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1. In accordance with a Presidential directive governing intelligence coverage in the Western Hemisphere (not including territory under sovereignty of the United States), the heads of the intelligence agencies concerned have reached an agreement as to the manner in which this coverage will be obtained and effected.

2. The following seven sub-paragraphs give to recipients the general principles determined upon to govern the prosecution of intelligence activities in accordance with this agreement:

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(a) MID will continue the work normally outlined for and executed by Military Attaches, collection of information needed by Military forces.

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(b) Similarly, ONI will continue the work normally outlined for and executed by Naval Attaches, the collection of information needed by the Naval forces.

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(c) FBI will obtain economic, political, industrial, financial and subversive information, including information concerning movements, organizations, and individuals whose activities are prejudicial to the interests of the United States; and will furnish the Military and Naval Intelligence services with all pertinent information obtained.

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(d) Responsibility assigned to one organization in a given field carries with it the obligation to provide, by the most expeditious means possible consistent with requisite security, to the other subscribing agencies all pertinent information received in that field, but it does not imply that the responsible agency alone is interested in, or it only will work in, that field.

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(e) In time of war, in any area the collection of and the coordination of efforts to obtain additional intelligence of interest to our own forces also becomes a responsibility

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of the Commander, Military or Naval, who is exercising unity of command in that area. (Commandant, Tenth Naval District in Caribbean Sea Frontier, for example.) The FBI will have the additional responsibility of effecting delivery of any information of interest to the appropriate Military (Naval) Commander through the most expeditious channel consistent with the requisite security of the information and its sources.

(f) The Commanders thus affected will notify their respective Departments of any additional assistance needed.

(g) Knowledge of the Agreement about which this memorandum deals is very closely held. It is requested that the recipients of this document restrict knowledge of its existence to those who are definitely required to have it in the performance of their duties.

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By Direction

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Dictated March 9, 1942
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From: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commandant, Tenth Naval District.
SUBJECT: Intelligence Coverage, Agreement for.
Reference: (a) Com 10 Serial 0023 dated March 27, 1942.

1. It is noted that the responsibility of FBI of effecting delivery of information of interest to the appropriate Military (Naval) Commander has been undertaken only in such a manner as to protect the security of the sources of information as well as the security of the information itself.

2. This matter was discussed with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the time the agreement was reached and again on April 8th. The manner in which this information will be obtained is such that there would be no direct communication between San Juan and the field. It is probable that the most expeditious manner of effecting delivery, even without consideration of security, would be to place the information in Naval hands in Washington, wherefrom it will be sent immediately to Com 10.

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Reference: (a) CNO (SC) A8-5:Op-16-B:Serial 0310016 of March 10, 1942.

1. It is noted in Paragraph (2)(e) of the reference that FBI will have the responsibility of effecting delivery of any information of interest to the appropriate Military (Naval) Commander through the most expeditious channel consistent with the requisite security of the information and its sources.

2. When FBI has established agents in the various countries contemplated within the Tenth Naval District and its information system is in operation, it is believed that there will be lacking a method of "most expeditious" delivery of information to the Military (Naval) Commander. It is understood that the present set-up requires each FBI office to report directly to Washington for further dissemination. It is suggested that this matter be discussed with the Director of the FBI with a view to establishing at San Juan a Special Agent in Charge over all Agents in the District, and to whom all pertinent reports will be submitted in parallel with those to Washington.

3. An alternative to this would be a very close liaison with Military and Naval Attaches of the various countries. Such a liaison might be impossible if the agent is supposed to be under cover.

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