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C I R C U L A R L E T T E R

From: Secretary of the Navy.  
To: All Naval and Marine Corps Activities concerned.  
Subject: Public Act #206, H. R. 10590, entitled "An Act to Prohibit the misuse of Official Insignia", approved June 29, 1932.

1. Attention is invited to the subject-named Act which reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the manufacture, sale, or possession of any badge, identification card, or other insignia of the design prescribed by the head of any department or independent office of the United States for use by any officer or subordinate thereof, or of any colorable imitation thereof, is prohibited, except when and as authorized under such regulations as may be prescribed by the head of the department or independent office of which such insignia indicated the wearer is an officer or subordinate.

"Sec. 2. Any person who offends against the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250. or by imprisonment for not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

2. It is therefore requested that there be submitted to the Department specimen copies, in duplicate, of any badges, identification cards or other insignia of the design prescribed by the Department for use by any officer or subordinate, in order that same may be transmitted to, and retained in, the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, for availability in connection with any case arising under the above-quoted Act.

/s/ C. F. Adams.

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