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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Secretary of the Navy.

SUBJECT: Status of Selected Naval Security Legislation.

References: (a) H.R. 10503 and S. 4354 (companionate bills)

Digest: Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to appoint naval agents to assist the civilian authorities in the enforcement of the laws with respect to espionage, counterespionage, sabotage, and other matters affecting the national defense and the naval service.

(b) Anchorage Bill (a Bill to Safeguard the Naval Vessels of the United States).

Digest: Authorizes senior Naval Officer present, for the protection and security of the naval forces of the United States, to control the anchorage and movement of any vessel, foreign or domestic, in the territorial waters of the United States, within the immediate vicinity of the place of anchorage of naval vessels.

1. The House Committee on Naval Affairs has taken no action on reference (a). Hearings were held on reference (a) by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee on September 20, 1940, but no action was taken.

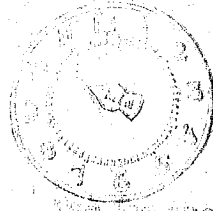
2. Draft of reference (b) is still at the Bureau of the Budget awaiting reports from the Treasury and War Departments. The Commerce and State Departments and the Maritime Commission have reported favorably on reference (b).

3. The immediate enactment of references (a) and (b) cannot be too strongly urged as they are considered essential to the Naval Security of the United States.

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4. In view of the foregoing it is requested that appropriate action be taken to expedite the final passage of references (a) and (b) at the present session of Congress.



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