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WASHINGTON

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, OFFICES OF THE COMMANDANT

17 April 1945.

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

Subject: VE-Day.

1. The following letter is quoted for information:

“NAVY DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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14 April 1945

To: Bureaus, Boards and Offices, Navy Department
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps
Headquarters, U. S. Coast Guard

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1. The following communication regarding VE-Day has been received from the White House:

“TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

When Victory in Europe comes, the Nation will, of course, be moved to express its profound gratitude. Like millions of civilian war workers in private industry, we, who are privileged to serve in the Federal Government, could find no expression of thanksgiving more fitting than staying at our posts of duty and rededicating ourselves to the winning of the war against Japan.

Honorable James F. Byrnes, in his recent report to the President, stated: “No one can tell when VE-Day will come. But when we are advised by General Eisenhower that organized resistance of the German Army has ceased,

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17 April 1945.

I hope the American people will make that day a day of work and worship. I recommend that all Government agencies observe the spirit of this request."

Accordingly, officials and employees in all Federal departments and agencies will, I am sure, observe the spirit of teamplay so necessary for final victory by working together on VE-Day and on all the days to follow as long as our services are needed to achieve final victory.

Wm. H. McReynolds
Administrative Assistant
to the President"

2. This for your information.

/s/ RONALD J. CHINNOCK
Administrative Officer
Navy Department"

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Administrative Officer.