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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ~~Declassified / Downgrade to~~

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Subj: Administrative Discharge Procedures Date: 13 Aug 72 Unit: NCIS 0029

Ref: (a) CNO/VCNO Action Sheet 587-70 of 14 October 1970
(b) CHNAVPERS (Asst Chief for Plans & Programs) Memo for
CNO Pers-F3b-jps of 24 August 1972

Encl: (1) DNI Memo Ser: 0518P009 of 13 October 1972

1. Reference (a) was issued to explore methods for reducing the investigative processing time associated with administrative discharges. Reference (b), an interim report, was submitted to advise on the contributions toward this program made by 20 junior officers assigned to the Naval Investigative Service on an over-allowance basis.

2. The significance of the aforementioned 20 junior officer agents is now academic: three officers have been discharged under the early release program and eleven more will leave by end 1972. Further, various developments within the purview of CNP, including the drug exemption program, changes in processing procedures, etc., have greatly reduced the volume of investigations required in this particular problem area.

3. The Navy recently was tasked to provide 12 officer, 29 enlisted, and 609 civilian spaces to the new Defense Investigative Service. This levy is reasonable relative to the personnel security workload DIS will assume from Navy and will not itself unduly impact on NIS' ability to investigate administrative discharge cases. (A significant erosion in NIS strength through FYDP and budgetary reductions is, however, of great concern, given the intensification of various workload factors. This matter has been presented separately to the Director, Navy Program Planning, through enclosure (1), which proposes a phased, orderly program for rebuilding NIS capabilities.)

4. Since the basic problem of reducing investigative time for administrative discharges is essentially solved, and unless otherwise directed, this will be the final report on this subject and reference (a).

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