



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

IN REPLY REFER TO

15 June 1965

Dear Mr. Skallerup:

This is an informal status report on the progress of the Navy in achieving some of the objectives in the field of personnel security which we all believe to be important. From an all time high of almost 35,000 cases, the investigative backlog has been reduced 32% (based on data complete through April 1965, with any acceptable caseload of 60-day completions). It is estimated that completed data through May 1965 will show the backlog to have been reduced about 40%.

On 7 June 1965 we began distributing background investigations to OSI for completion, and now Army has also begun its program of assistance to Navy. Negotiations are still in progress for the Civil Service Commission to join in the program to eliminate our delinquent cases. Without any question, the day is near at hand when Navy will be current in its investigative caseload with a first-rate corps of professional personnel capable of handling the most complex cases in a timely manner.

We also report that staffing continues to meet the other approved items in Mr. McNamara's memorandum of 27 May 1965. Our philosophy of taking a constructive and "can-do" attitude towards SECDEF's objectives should go far to overcome various obstacles which must be met in effecting mandatory changes.

These are exciting times in the field of personnel security, when (with your leadership) the DOD Community is making solid advancement in improving methods and management of the entire effort. I am happy to be a member of your team.



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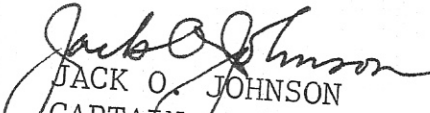
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Attached is a June 1965 issue of the United States Naval Institute Proceedings which contains an article authored by me regarding personnel security (page 140). This is an extra copy which is submitted to you for such disposition you may feel appropriate.

Sincerely yours,


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