

3. Franklin D. Roosevelt, to Secretary of State et al., 26 June 1939.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ✓ THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY x 2
THE SECRETARY OF WAR x 2
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL x 1
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL x 1
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY x 1
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE x 2

It is my desire that the investigation of all espionage, counter-espionage, and sabotage matters be controlled and handled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department, and the office of Naval Intelligence of the Navy Department. The directors of these three agencies are to function as a committee to coordinate their activities.

No investigations should be conducted by any investigative agency of the Government into matters involving actually or potentially any espionage, counter-espionage, or sabotage, except by the three agencies mentioned above.

I shall be glad if you will instruct the heads of all other investigative agencies than the three named, to refer immediately to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any data, information, or material that may come to their notice bearing directly or indirectly on espionage, counter-espionage, or sabotage.

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt