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MEMORANDUM FOR: VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,  
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE (F-2).

Subject: Pacific Strategic Intelligence Section, Establishment of.

Reference: (a) Cominch Secret Letter FF1/A8, Serial 001275, of  
 26 June 1943.

1. It is directed that a Pacific Strategic Intelligence Section be established in the Naval Communications Annex. The mission of this section shall be the study, compilation, and dissemination of Pacific strategic intelligence, based upon Japanese communications intelligence and such collateral information as may be available and necessary to accomplish this mission.

2. The Pacific Strategic Intelligence Section shall be administered and directed by an officer appointed by OP-20, but subject to the direction and control of the Assistant Chief of Staff (Combat Intelligence), Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, who shall determine the subjects for study and the compilation, preparation, and dissemination thereof. Close liaison shall be maintained with similar activities of the Army in order to prevent duplication of effort.

3. The establishment of this section is in accordance with the provisions of reference, which provide that the Combat Intelligence Division will take charge of the evaluation of information provided by communication intelligence (Op-20-G), and which directs that efforts be continued to coordinate the work of ONI and MIS in order that joint intelligence be improved and duplication of work and effort reduced.

4. With a view toward keeping required personnel to a minimum and in order to reduce duplication of effort between the Pacific Strategic Intelligence Section and other activities, full use shall be made of available personnel at present performing similar duties. The work and output of the Pacific Strategic Intelligence Section shall be closely coordinated with similar activities of the U. S. Army and, if later directed, with British organizations.

5. Completed studies shall, whenever desirable and in keeping with the most efficient prosecution of the war, be made available to the Headquarters, Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, the operating

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forces of the Pacific Ocean Areas and the Southwest Pacific Area, and comparable U.S. Army and British Commands, as directed by the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

6. This directive shall be carried out at the earliest practicable date.

E. J. KING

Howard E. Orem,  
Flag Secretary

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