U.S. NAVAL SEPARATION CENTER

STATION MEMORANDUM NO. 20

To: All Hands.

Subj: Security of military information after separation from active service.

1. The following message from the Chief of Naval Personnel is quoted herewith for the information and guidance of all hands:

"The war is over and you have done your job well. However, in leaving the service you are reminded that each discharge and release carries with it certain responsibilities towards maintaining world peace. Some of you while in the service had access to certain secret and confidential equipment, Navy codes and ciphers, or intelligence material, the status, technique, and procedures of which still remain highly classified in peacetime. To divulge this information not only endangers the national security, but also jeopardizes everything for which we have fought. We must therefore be prepared to protect this information in peace as we have in war.

"To this end, the cooperation of each and every man or woman is requested. When you leave the service, those military secrets which you have learned should be left behind. Failing in this, you may have to return to do the job again. To you then goes this responsibility of helping those who remain to protect your nation."

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