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MEMORANDUM FOR

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The National Archives

Subject:

Wartime Security Regulations for
the Nonmilitary Federal Departments
and Agencies.

1. Pursuant to our conversation last week, I have reviewed the security regulations of nonmilitary federal departments and agencies which are in the files of the Security Advisory Board with a view to determining which agencies issued such instructions during wartime.
2. The Security Advisory Board has on file regulations from the following agencies and departments:
 - a. Board of Geographical Names (Department of Interior):
There is no mention made in the Board's regulations that they were written as a result of OWI No. 4 or that they were based on this regulation.
 - b. Government Printing Office:
The regulations concerning the handling of classified printing must necessarily be specialized. The GPO Security Regulations, however, were prepared as a result of conferences with the Security Advisory Board.
 - c. Foreign Economic Administration:
The Security Advisory Board worked very closely all during the war with this agency on matters of general security and the drafting of regulations. Foreign Economic Administration was most prolific in writing regulations on security and ingenious in keeping security regulations in the mind of the agency.
 - d. Federal Power Commission:
It is believed that the Federal Power Commission's regulations sprang more from War Department regulations than from OWI's, even though the Federal Power Commission cooperated at all times with the Security Advisory Board.

a. Federal Communications Commission:

The Federal Communications Commission in many instances made exact duplicates of the Security Advisory Board regulations and the Radio Intelligence Division of FCC, in particular, made use of all SAB memos. The FCC also issued many of their own regulations on specialized radio subjects.

f. Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs:

The Security Advisory Board reviewed the security regulations for this agency before they were issued.

g. Department of Commerce-Bureau of Standards:

The Bureau of Standards was a protection zone under the War Department during the war and used the War Department security regulation (AR 380-5) almost completely.

h. Civil Service Commission:

The Commission was in the habit of giving publication to Security Advisory Board memos by reissuing them in the Employee Bulletins.

i. Department of Commerce-Civil Aeronautics Administration:

Civil Aeronautics Administration used specialized regulations which cannot be directly traced to OWI No. 4 influence.

j. Bureau of the Budget:

The Bureau of the Budget issued exact duplicates of Security Advisory Board and OWI regulations.

k. Alien Property Custodian:

Alien Property Custodian likewise had its own security regulations which were applicable to APC only--not directly traceable to OWI influence.

l. War Foods Administration-Department of Agriculture:

Security Advisory Board Training Officer assisted War Foods Administration in drafting these regulations.

m. Veterans Administration:

Regulations are a combination of Security Advisory Board memos and specialized Veterans Administration procedures.

n. War Shipping Administration (Maritime Commission):

War Shipping Administration gleaned most of their security procedures from the Navy Department because of the nature of their work. WSA was one of the pioneers in the field of security regulations, having a member on the Interdepartmental Security Service Commission.

o. War Relocation Authority:

Regulations were issued as result of OWI regulations.

p. War Production Board:

War Production Board issued their own regulations, stricter in application than OWI No. 4. The Board worked closely with this agency during wartime.

q. War Manpower Commission:

War Manpower Commission regulations are exact duplicates of OWI regulations.

r. United States Tariff Commission:

Regulations are exact duplicates of OWI regulations.

s. Public Health Service:

Regulations were reviewed by SAB before being issued.

t. Treasury Department:

Although Treasury has abided by OWI and SAB rules, they did not, to my knowledge, issue them as Treasury regulations. They did, however, issue "loose talk" bulletins during the war.

u. State Department

State Department Regulations during the war were prepared by a former Security Advisory Board member and reviewed by the SAB staff.

v. Selective Service System:

The Regulations for SSS are a combination of the OWI and War Department Regulations--which was necessary in view of the type of work which the SSS was doing.

w. Rubber Development Corporation:

This subsidiary of RFC used the OWI regulations for a basis for writing their own specialized kind of regulations.

x. Post Office Department:

Regulations are almost exact duplicates of SAB and OWI regulations.

y. Petroleum Administration for War:

PAW had their own specialized regulations and used OWI and SAB regulations as additions thereto.

z. Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion:

The SAB Training Officer helped draft the regulations under which the Director's Office operated.

aa. Office of Defense Transportation:

The regulations which ODT issued are exact duplicates of SAB regulations.

bb. Office of Civilian Defense:

SAB Training Officer helped draft these.

cc. National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics:

NACA used specialized regulations which are not directly traceable to OWI or SAB influence.

3. The above are the only regulations of which copies are on file in this office. This should not be taken as a positive indication that other agencies did not issue regulations of their own or that they did not abide by the regulations which were forwarded to them. The Board does not have regulations on file for the National Archives, for example, and it

is believed that that office has always followed very closely the regulations which were issued to them by this Board.

4. I hope this will be of some assistance to you.

For the Security Advisory Board:

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