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From: The Secretary of the Navy.
To: Chiefs of all Bureaus; Commandants and Commanding Officers,
Naval Shore Establishment; Naval Supervisors of Shipbuilding.

Subject: Joint Navy - Maritime Commission Project with respect to
Safety and Industrial Health in private shipyards having
Navy contracts.

References: (a) Secnav's ltr 808KD-1D-CBG 2/27 1907 of March 4, 1943.
(b) "Minimum Requirements for Safety and Industrial Health
in Contract Shipyards" approved by the U. S. Maritime
Commission, Feb. 9, 1943, and by the U. S. Navy,
Jan. 20, 1943.

1. By reference (a) the pamphlet, reference (b), containing information
and instructions relating to the Joint Navy - Maritime Commission Safety
and Health Program in private shipyards was distributed, and Naval Super-
visors of Shipbuilding advised that they "should assist and cooperate with"
certain Maritime Commission officials identified with this project.

2. It is the purpose of this letter to emphasize to all concerned the
following facts and requirements bearing on this Joint Navy - Maritime
Commission project:

(a) The Maritime Commission is acting as the Navy's agent in the
furtherance of Safety and Health in all private shipyards having Navy
contracts;

(b) Naval Supervisors of Shipbuilding shall cooperate with and assist
the officials of the Maritime Commission connected with the administration and
conduct of the program. Such assistance should consist of facilitating ad-
mission into premises and conduct of inspections. Some of these officials
are officers of the Medical Corps of the Navy who are specially trained in
the field of industrial hygiene; others are civilian officials of the
Maritime Commission who were listed by name in reference (a);

(c) The officials assigned to carry out this safety program will
periodically conduct inspections of private yards to ascertain conditions
affecting Safety and Health and to check on compliance with prescribed
minimum requirements. They do not, however, act as enforcement agents.
Supervisors of Shipbuilding will receive copies of reports of these surveys
and shall take action necessary to require management to correct un-
satisfactory conditions.

(d) Authority for action on defects or deficiencies, the correction
of which will involve increased cost to the government shall be obtained
from the Chief of the Bureau of Ships; and

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