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Subj: Transportation of cargo of charitable organizations; Navy policy concerning

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4610.3A (Subj: Requests for ocean transportation of non-military cargo and non-military mail in government owned or controlled ships; Navy policy and procedures concerning) (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To provide a broader dissemination of Navy policy concerning ocean transportation of cargo of charitable organizations.

2. Background. Information received from COMNAVFOR KOREA reveals that some charitable organizations have been arranging overseas transportation for small quantities of cargo by direct liaison with personnel in MSTS-controlled ships. Attempts to cooperate in a worthy cause by accepting such unofficial cargo will result in violation of established Navy policy and violation of customs regulations concerning export declarations and manifests.

3. Information. Navy policy in respect to transportation of cargo of charitable organizations was promulgated by reference (a). This policy requires that requests from charitable organizations for ocean transportation of cargo in Government-owned or controlled ships to overseas destinations be referred to the Chief of Naval Operations. Upon acceptance of sponsorship for charitable supplies by CNO, shipments from the Pacific Coast will be coordinated by Commander Western Sea Frontier, and transportation will be provided in Fleet ships other than MSTS-controlled or operated. The Secretary of Defense requires payment by the sponsor for all cargo shipped in MSTS-controlled space, and Navy transportation funds may not be used to pay for transportation of non-military cargo. The foregoing does not affect authority granted the Army and Air Force to sponsor transportation of certain categories of non-military cargo in MSTS ships.

4. Directive. Requests for transportation of cargo in behalf of charitable organizations will be denied on the basis of information in preceding paragraph.

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