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From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Ships.
Subject: Camouflage of Ships.

1. Representatives of the Fleet Maintenance Office and the Bureau of Ships have held a series of exploratory conferences with the Pacific Fleet Type Commanders, their staffs, and many combatant ships' officers relative to ship camouflage for the Pacific Fleet. Although this survey is still incomplete, pattern camouflage measures for nearly all types and classes of ships are clearly indicated.

2. The survey is continuing to determine the exact requirements for designs and the order in which they are needed. It is now indicated that working drawings for approximately 280 designs will be required initially.

3. The Bureau is requested to take the necessary steps to insure prompt effectuation of this program upon receipt of detailed requirements. It would appear that approximately six camouflage designers and six assistant camouflage designers would be required initially.

4. It is also requested that Commander Service Perez, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Fleet Maintenance Officer), be provided now with copies of working drawings now on hand in Measures 31, 32 and 33.

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