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It would be appreciated if the following information could be circulated among the officers of the various divisions in your office:

To maintain security of information and to prevent the wide dissemination of the sources of information from certain other agencies of the Goernment, it has been a standard practice in the Department to refer to the FBI as "a confidential source within the Government" when referring to it in instructions, telegrams and airgrams to the field. Now that CIG has been organized and is furnishing an increasing amount of information, it is believed necessary that a phrase be adopted as a cover for that agency. The term "an agency of the Government" has been decided upon and CIG should be so referred to in communications to the field. In the case of information from War or Navy, the term "another agency of the Government" may be used.

The officers of the various divisions of the Department should be made cognizant of the adoption of these terms so that clearance of communications containing information from these sources may be facilitated.

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