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From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. To: Lt. Comdr. J. W. Baker, MC. 666 Center St., Newton, Mass.

Subject: War Slate for Retired Officers of the Navy.

1. The Bureau, in connection with routine upkeep of war plans, desires to form a tentative war slate of the available officers on the retired list.

2. It is understood that a number of the officers on the retired list are totally incapacitated for active duty.

On the other hand, the Bureau desires to avoid assuming that because of age or by reason of retirement for physical disability, an officer is entirely barred from serving in some capacity during war. It is believed, however, that an officer of seventy years or over should not be given active duty and such officers are not being considered.

3. It is requested that you fill in the attached cards and forward them to the Bureau of Navigation, using the inclosed envelope. It is the present intention to ask you to fill out a new card not oftener than once a year.

> A. T. LONG, Chief of Bureau.

