

THE PRICE OF SECURITY

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF SECURITY. VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO ORIGINATE DISPATCHES IN SEEING THAT ALL UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC IS OMITTED, VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO DRAFT DISPATCHES IN SEEING THAT THE PHRASEOLOGY IS NOT OF THE OBVIOUS AND STEREOTYPED VARIETY, VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO ENCIPHER THE MESSAGES IN ORDER THAT POOR OR CARELESS ENCIPHERING MAY NOT ENDANGER THE SYSTEM, VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS ACTUAL TRANSMISSION TO SEE THAT NO ERRORS ARE MADE WHICH DISCLOSE VALUABLE INFORMATION, AND, FINALLY, VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO RECEIVE AND HANDLE DISPATCHES TO KEEP THEIR CONTENTS SECRET. ONLY BY THE EXERCISE OF SUCH VIGILANCE CAN RADIO BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE HIGH COMMAND INSTEAD OF A SOURCE OF POTENTIAL DANGER AND PERPETUAL WORRY."

Critique, U.S. Fleet Problem XI.