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Mr. W. P. Aitken, President  
Mission Dry Corp.  
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Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Aitken:

Thank you for your letter of 6 February. I am sorry that my original letter was not more clear.

We want the information I asked for in order to compare the labor turnover in this Agency with the labor turnover of an industrial business, and for this reason I wrote some friends of mine in New York and Chicago, and yourself, for the following data:

- a. The number of employees they had of all classes who were earning up to \$2,500 a year - up to 31 December 1943.
- b. The number of employees in this same earning level who separated from the company during 1944.
- c. The number of new employees hired in 1944.
- d. The total strength as of 31 December 1944.

It is our feeling here that our turnover is very high, and we are endeavoring to check this against the turnover in any well-run industry for comparison. This is the only purpose for which these figures will be used, and if you can give them to me without too much inconvenience, I would appreciate it.

I am glad the Mexican proposition is proceeding satisfactorily.  
Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours

James H. Frier, Jr.  
Major, Signal Corps