

SPSIS-1A  
27 January 1945

Mr. Ellsworth Bunker  
President, National Sugar Refining Co.  
129 Front St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ellsworth:

I hope that you will be able to help me get some statistics which we would like very much to have as representing the experience of an average large industry.

What we need is the average percentage of losses in personnel in the categories up to and earning \$2,500 for 1944. In other words, what I would like, if you could give it to me, would be:

- a. The total number of personnel employed by National Sugar Refining Company as of 31 December 1943.
- b. The number of separations for 1944 - that is, both voluntary and involuntary.
- c. The number of your personnel employed in 1944.
- d. The total strength as at present.

I realize that these figures will not be exactly comparable to those of a War Department installation, as you are employing day laborers in the refinery, but at the same time they will be near enough to what we want so that they will give us a good picture for comparison.

I am looking forward to seeing you the next time I am in New York, and if you should come down here, please don't fail to give me a ring, as Mary is here now with the children, and we have enough ration points left so that we can feed you a nice steak. Our number is North 6307.

Very best regards to you and all my many friends in National Sugar Refining, and thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard.

Yours very sincerely

James H. Frier, Jr.  
Major, Signal Corps

5 February 1945

Mr. Ellsworth Bunker, President  
The National Sugar Refining Co.  
129 Front St.  
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Ellsworth:

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation in furnishing us  
the figures which have been a great help to us.

I will certainly look forward to seeing you whenever you are in  
the vicinity of Washington, and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours

James H. Frier, Jr. (Major)

THE NATIONAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 31, 1945

James H. Frier, Jr.  
Major, Signal Corps  
Headquarters, Army Service Forces  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Henly:

I am glad to hear from you and to reply to yours of the 27th relative to our labor turnover experience.

The National Sugar Refining Company and its subsidiaries have a total of about 3700 employees. I am giving you herewith the experience at our New York Refinery, which as you know is our largest unit. If you would like our experience at the Philadelphia Refinery of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, and at our Alcohol and Chemical Plants, I shall be glad to send them to you. The New York Refinery, however, will be fairly typical. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- a. Total number of persons employed Dec. 31, 1943 -- 1505.
- b. Number of separations for 1944 -- 1053.
- c. Number of personnel employed in 1944 -- 1077.
- d. Total employees at present -- 1529.

Item b. includes 52 Military Leaves of Absence.

I am delighted to hear you are in Washington, and hope your duties will bring you to New York some time. Please be sure to let me know if you get here. I will give you a ring the next time I am in Washington, which, however, is not very often these days.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Ellsworth Bunker.

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