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McELLIGOTT FUEL CORPORATION

This man was a tough
Customer - sounds Irish
but it seems Lem, won
and yet made friends with
him. He 97 East Main Street
Waterbury, Connecticut
asked Lem to call him if
he came again and to have
dinner with him. We call
Lem "King Repartee"
now.

July 22, 1944

Dr. C. J. Potter,
Deputy Solid Fuels Administration,
U. S. Dep't. of Interior,
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Dr. Potter:

REFERENCE ADC-1:1.

Your letter of July 1st reviews the conference had at New Haven under date of June 15th, at which conference your Attorney Reece was present.

Your letter is a kindly one, much appreciated, but needs some corrections, because in Paragraph 3, you state that no instructions were given by Mr. Sanford that dealers should not assist consumers in the preparation of Consumers Declarations.

Please turn to Page 6 of the stenographic record of the hearing and you will find that such instructions were given to the Connecticut dealers and this was admitted by Mr. Sanford at the hearing June 15th, whereupon both Mr. Reece and Mr. Henderson were taken by surprise and stated that such instructions should not have been issued, if they were.

Taken as a whole, there were a small proportion of charges made by Mr. Sanford which were substantiated, and which proved great carelessness in the examination of our records.

[At this point, I want to compliment you on having acquired the services of Mr. Reece, and I am sure that any cases in which he participates, they will be properly reported to your office, because, he is not only keen, but is fair and looks on any subject, I believe, with a broad mind, besides this, he is a king at repartee, and although we had some heated moments, yet one could not help but appreciate his fair approach to the subjects under discussion.]

This business of ours is better than a half century old, and we have all the facilities for the quick and proper distribution of Anthracite, as before the advent of oil burning, our tonnage was a substantial one.

Now our tonnage of oil is far greater than the tonnage of coal, and we have been obliged to erect a very fine

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barge terminal in New Haven harbor, in order that our oil customers be served properly.

Please bear in mind that we will probably make further infractions as the winter season approaches, and that our percentage may not always be correct, but also be assured that your efforts in obtaining equitable distribution of Anthracite coal will be aided by us at all times, and that if we do make an error, it will be an over sight rather than being intentional.

My regards to Mr. Reece, please.

Very truly yours,

McELLOGOTT FUEL CORPORATION.

(Sgd.) Edward B. McElligott.

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