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March 22, 1919.

Mr. William P. Studdert,
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Under date of December 2, 1918, you were directed to distribute statistical blanks which were sent to you at that time to the herring packers at Halibut Cove, Alaska, and to assist them in the preparation of the same to the end that the Bureau might have their reports of operations at the close of the year. Further specific directions in regard to this work were given to you under date of February 27, 1919.

The office is now in receipt of a statement purporting to have been prepared by you showing the names of Halibut Cove packers and the quantity of herring prepared by each according to both the Scotch and Norwegian methods. This is not regarded as in compliance with the instructions of December 2 and February 27. It is not possible to determine from this list whether these packs were made only in 1918 or if they include all of the 1918 pack which of course covers any pack made in January, February and other months since the first of that year. You have submitted no information as to the number of persons employed, or the value of equipment and investment in plants. To avoid further delay in the work of this office, you are directed to carry out the instructions of February 27 at the earliest possible moment.

Reports have been received from the Kachemak Saltery & Canning Co., and from Sunsby & Jensen. No reference need be made to them.

(sgd) D. H. Dunlap
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