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**Letter to Anthony Caminetti,  
Commissioner General of Immigration  
from J. Edgar Hoover, Special Assistant  
to the Attorney General in Washington,  
Dec. 16, 1919.**

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Honorable Anthony Caminetti,  
Commissioner General of Immigration,  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Caminetti:

I am enclosing herewith a brief prepared upon the status of the Communist Party of America, under the act of Congress of Oct. 16, 1918, amending the Immigration Laws.

Upon examination of this memorandum, I believe that the conclusion will be reached that this organization falls within that provision of the act of October 16, 1919, which permits the deportation of a person who is a member of an organization advocating and teaching the overthrow by force and violence, the government of the United States.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me of your ruling of this matter, as this Department is prepared to submit to you a considerable number of affidavits covering the activities of members of the Communist Party. I would be glad at any time to discuss with you personally or any of the officials of the Labor Department of the status of the Communist Party, answering any question which may arise in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

*[J.E. Hoover]*

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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