
**Letter to Attorney General of the US
Harry Daugherty in Washington, DC
from Secretary of Commerce
Herbert Hoover in Washington, DC,
March 16, 1921**

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The Honorable
The Attorney General
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Please find enclosed a letter from the Mayor of Portland, Oregon, which explains itself.† I have had some contact with this group before but I had not seen its open literature.

I am certain there is no method on earth by which these people can send either shipments or money into Russia, and aside from the bold character of its literature, my impression is that this group will stand investigation from the point of view of fraud.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover.

Enc.
HH.AGS.

†- The letter in question, from Mayor George L. Baker to Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover is dated March 9, 1921. It notes that "I have taken a drastic stand against the organization known as the American Red Star League and have been endeavoring to put a stop to their propaganda in our city.... To my mind, this is a vicious group and should be investigated, inasmuch as they have used your name in one of the circulars I though perhaps you would be interested.... Any information that you might give would be appreciated, as I believe we should be on the alert for what I consider enemies to our country." This and the Herbert Hoover letter to Daugherty were passed along to J. Edgar Hoover of the Bureau of Investigation, a handwritten notation on the Secretary of Commerce's letter indicates.

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