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**First Telegram to Agents in Charge  
of Offices of the Bureau of Investigation,  
from J. Edgar Hoover in the name of  
Frank Burke, Assistant Director and Chief,  
Jan. 2, 1920**

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All instructions previously issued to you for carrying out arrests of Communists should be executed in detail. Several requests have been made for change of date but no change or delay under any condition will be granted. As previously stated the arrests are to take place Friday January second commencing nine p.m. eastern time. Owing to efforts of certain state authorities you may expect difficulty in the apprehending of members of the Communist and Communist Labor Parties. You should however make every effort to take into custody every person upon whom affidavits were submitted and upon whom warrants have been issued. Particular attention is again called to the securing of evidence sufficient to hold subject for deportation. Bureau and Department expect excellent results from you in your territory. At appointed hour you should make the arrests and make every effort to have the same successfully accomplished. Five stop.

Burke. Chief.

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