
**Letter to William J. Flynn and
J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, DC,
from Frank R. Stone in Newark, NY,
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Newark, NJ,
January 12th, 1920.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation [Flynn],
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Attention of Mr. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

In making a final personal examination last night of the cards found during the Communist raid, I observed that since the formation of the Communist Party (September 1st, 1919) that many of the members who formerly belonged to the Socialist Party retained their Socialist books [party cards], instead of obtaining Communist books and consequently the spaces in the Socialist books for the dues stamps for the months of September, October, November, and December

[1919] have stamps affixed thereon of the Communist Party, instead of the Socialist Party. Therefore, unless you closely examine the inside of these books this fact will escape attention and the card probably not used against the holder. I observe many instances of this and am having all the records gone through again with a view of extracting these cards in addition to the Communist cards.

I am submitting the same to you at this time so that you may promulgate the information throughout the service, if you believe this course advisable. In the meantime, I am sending a copy of this letter to the New York office, and one to Mr. Uhl at Ellis Island.

Yours truly,

F.R. Stone,
Special Agent.

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