

*December 20, 1916.*—A letter from Hoover, in the usual lugubrious strain. He is more hostile to Francqui than ever; has prepared, he writes, an educational campaign for him on his arrival, vows he will no longer “live a lie to the world,” by which he means that he will not be satisfied unless the C.R.B. are as much recognized by Francqui as they are recognized outside. He says we have weathered the storm of the deportations, and so on. As to that quarrel between Francqui and Hoover—I wash my hands of it.