

**Herbert Hoover to Bruce Barton**

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**Personal**

My dear Barton:

I have complied with your momentous wish. Your friend does not need to send an exchange. A smoking President receives enough pipes to last a life time. Likewise fishing tackle. It is the only endowment he gets, except a troubled soul.

It seems useless to discuss the situation. The country is going sour on the New Deal, despite the heroic efforts of the Press. Unless there is a halt, the real question will be that, having cast off all moorings, will we swing to the "right" or to the "left". I fear first the "left" and then when the great middle class (80% of America) realizes its ruin, it will drive into some American interpretation of Hitler or Mussolini.

There is no trouble finding a large occupation in California doing nothing and conducting a detached observatory of national trends.

**You better come out here!**

Yours sincerely,

**Herbert Hoover**

Mr. Bruce Barton

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