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EXHIBIT B.

September 16, 1943

Mr. Joseph R. Brodsky
100 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Brodsky:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of August 26, 1943 with which you transmitted a copy of a letter from you to the War Department regarding the suspension of Mr. Michael Skibo because he is "an agent for the International Workers Order, which is a transmission belt for the Communist Party."

As you undoubtedly know the suspension of Mr. Skibo was an administrative act of the Department and the Commission does not have the jurisdiction to inquire into the sufficiency of the reasons for the action taken by the Department.

You have asked for an expression of opinion from the Commission and it is assumed that you desire to be advised whether, in a case in which it had jurisdiction, the Commission would consider the fact that a person is an agent for the International Workers Order as affecting his suitability for government employment.

Membership in, or activity in behalf of, the International Workers Order, standing alone, has in no case been regarded by the Commission as rendering a person unsuitable for government employment. In determining the suitability of an applicant for government employment, the Commission gives consideration to his entire record, including such information as is developed by investigation. If this record should establish that an individual is of good character, possesses the necessary qualifications and is loyal to the United States, the mere fact of membership in, or activity in behalf of, the International Workers Order would play no part in the final determination of the case.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Hull /s/
Wm. C. Hull
Executive Assistant