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Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a rough draft of an article on a subject that seems to me important. Eventually, when revised and finished, I plan to offer it to some magazine or publish it as a pamphlet or small book, depending on the final length of it. I take the liberty of sending the piece, in its present tentative form, to a number of my friends and correspondents who I know are interested in the situation I am trying to discuss and competent to pass on my ideas, views, and information.

I ask you to read the article as critically and tough-mindedly as possible, with the assumption that it is finished, and jot down -- in the space alongside the text or on special sheets of paper -- your objections, corrections, suggestions, reactions, comments, etc. Please mark "Confidential" those of your comments which you do not wish me to quote under your name, sign the sheets on which you have written, and return the script to me.

This unusual request is prompted by the fact that my subject, as yet ill explored, is extremely controversial and by my desire that the article, when published, be sound in its entirety and in every detail.

My deepest thanks in advance.

Faithfully,

LOUIS ADAMIC

P.S.: Please forgive the fact that this letter is mimeographed and not addressed to you by name. The excuse, of course, is that this saves time and postage.