

**UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION**

**FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR TENNESSEE**

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STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE  
CAPITOL

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

**NASHVILLE**

November 19, 1917.

To County Chairmen:

This statement was made to-day by Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator:-

"We have reports from various parts of the country of crooks, thieves and confidence operators who are going from house to house purporting to be authorized by the Food Administration and other Departments of the Government to collect or commandeer foodstuffs for the Government or the Army.

"I wish to say emphatically that no department of the Government has or will ever make such demands on householders, and that all such people are petty frauds and should be held for the police. The Government agencies are investigating various cases and information is sought of all such persons by this Department."

In this connection, your attention is directed to the enclosed letter of October 19th. by Rutledge Smith, Agent of the United States in Tennessee.

Yours truly,

H. A. MORGAN,