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Secretary of Commerce and Labor,
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EXAMINED.....

Dear Sir:-

During the past few weeks a general discussion has been going on in which it is freely asserted that people of Turkish or Armenian origin are not entitled to the United States citizenship, and that an order to that effect has been sent to the Courts issuing naturalization papers. It is almost impossible to obtain, from the discussion of the subject in the press, any clear idea of the merits and the status of the subject. This agitation is causing a great deal of concern to the Armenians, resident in America, whose intentions are to become American citizens and establish themselves permanently in this country.

Armenians, although by the exigencies of political conditions they have become subjects of Russia, Turkey and Persia, have in no wise any social relationship to the people of those countries. They belong to the family of Indo-European group of the Aryan stock.

This being the case, the Armenians are at a loss to understand how such a step could have been taken by your department. We, therefore, would like to have an authoritative statement from your department for the benefit of our readers, whether any official steps have been taken

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or are contemplated in regard to debarring the Armenians from the right
of becoming American citizens by naturalization.

Yours respectfully,

N. M. Kalousdian, M.D.