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URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL

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ENCLOSURE

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**common cause**

P.O. BOX 220, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20044

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Yes, I would like to become an active member of Common Cause. I understand that my annual dues of \$15.00\* entitle me to receive the Common Cause newsletter plus material pertaining to special issues.

I want to do more. My check includes an additional contribution to Common Cause in the amount of .....

Check enclosed.  Bill me.



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\*Of this amount, \$2.00 is allocated to the cost of the newsletter subscription (80 issues per year).

Detach membership card before returning application

**common cause**  
P.O. Box 220, Washington, D.C. 20044

is a member in good standing

This is to certify that

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Memorandum

I have recently received in the mail a letter from [redacted] asking me to join an organization called the Common Cause. I knew nothing about the organization and had never heard of it until this letter arrived. While the aims professed by this organization appear to be worthy of effort I am hesitant to send the required fifteen dollars for membership, which includes ten issues of the Common Cause publication, without first knowing something about the organization. I am enclosing the letter they sent to me and would be most appreciative if you were able to send me any information on this organization. If you are familiar with these people and they are doing what they are claiming I would like to know, if not I would also like to know.

Sincerely Yours

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CORRESPONDENCE

October 29, 1970

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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8 BTJ/ALC

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your communication which I received on October 27th, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to Common Cause.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover *b7c*

MAILED 21  
OCT 29 1970  
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in our files. His enclosure is a for letter regarding Common Cause. Its chairman, John W. Gardner, is a former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and former chairman of the Urban Coalition. The organization is self-described as a citizens' lobbying group whose aim is to revitalize politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress.

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Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I received the enclosed in the mail today. It is well written and persuasive. I might buy it if I were disillusioned with our Government's structure.

When I was reading it, a red flag started waving. There may not be any justification for my fears, but I will feel better if people who are trained to detect subversive activities are alerted to the possibility.

Also, my name and address as written was picked from a list that has in the past mailed me literature advertising Pornographic material

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November 6, 1970

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DATE 9-9-83 BY SP8 BTJ/KAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 2nd, with enclosure, has been received. The interest which prompted you to write to the FBI is appreciated; however, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent and her enclosure is an advertisement for an organization named Common Cause. John W. Gardner, the Chairman of this organization, is the former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and former Chairman of the Urban Coalition. Based on the information in correspondent's enclosure, this organization is to be set up as a citizen's lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress

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Common Cause  
P.O. BOX 220, WASHINGTON

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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October 29, 1970

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DATE 9-9-82 BY SP8BTS/CAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication, with enclosures, was received on October 27th. In reply to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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OCT 29 1970  
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Hey - what in the heck is this???

Sounds like Communism to me.

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Common Cause

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# Common Cause

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Common Cause ...  
 Common Cause ...  
 I enclose ...

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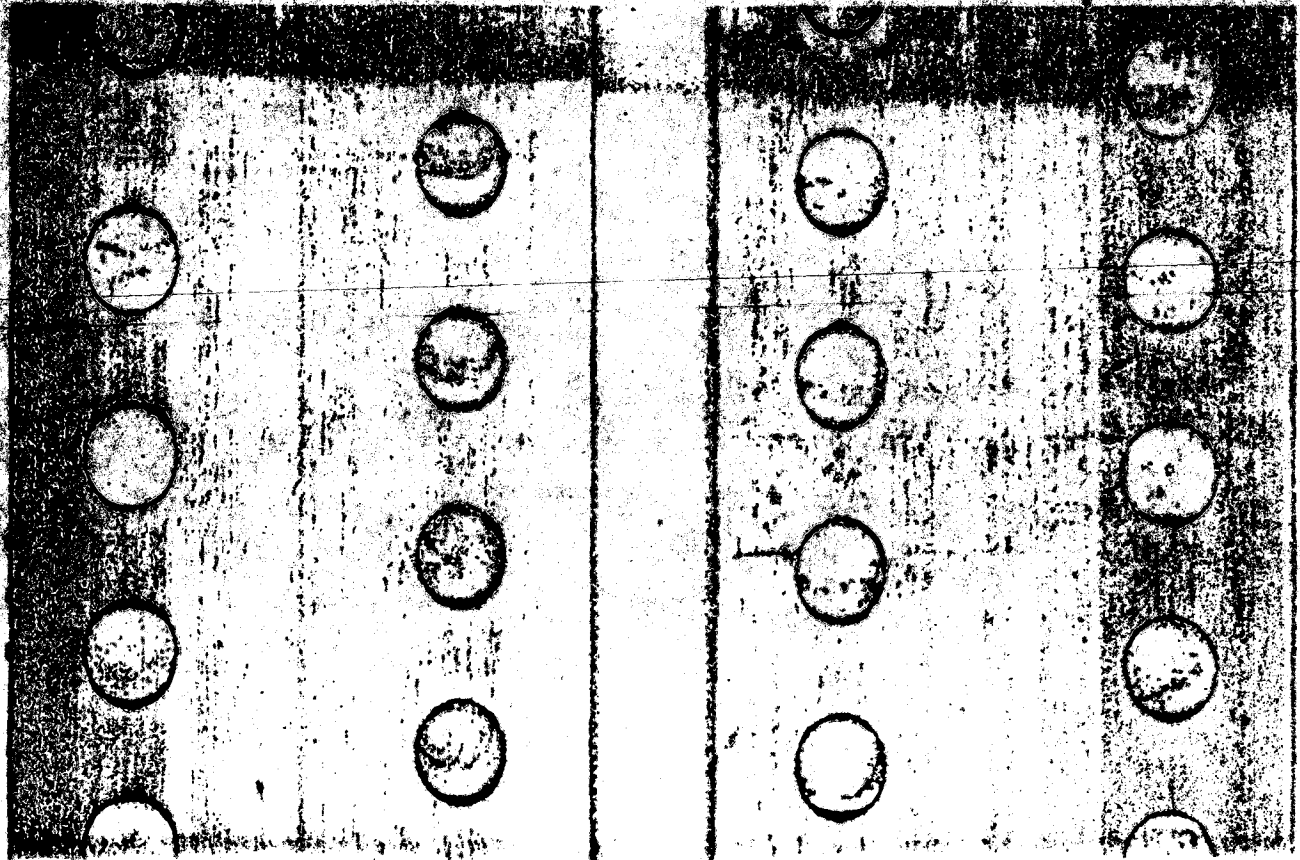
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November 10, 1970

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DATE 9-9-82 BY SP8BTJCSL

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on November 10th. In reply to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain one prior letter from correspondent in April of this year inquiring about the so-called Communist Rules for Revolution. Her letter was acknowledged on 4-10-70. Her enclosures are advertisements for an organization named Common Cause. John W. Gardner, the chairman of this organization, is the former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and former chairman of the Urban Coalition. Based on the information in correspondent's enclosures, this organization is to be set up as a citizens' lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress.

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November 8, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

In Re: Enclosed Letter

Gentlemen:

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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8 BTJ/csl

On November 4, 1970, I received the enclosed letter from an organization calling itself the Common Cause. After reading the enclosed, I am sure that you will understand my cause of concern.

I am interested in knowing who the backer of the organization is as well as references. I suppose in our society today one cannot be too careful in fighting Communism and other elements. Therefore, your investigation into this forming of a third party would be appreciated. Also, information on the Urban Coalition Council would be appreciated.

I am a strong believer in our democratic process and letters such as the enclosed concern me. Thank you sincerely. I will expect to hear from you soon.

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Washington, D. C.

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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8 BTJ/cak

In Re: Enclosed Letter

Gentlemen:

On November 4, 1940, I received the enclosed letter from an organization calling itself the Common Cause. After reading the enclosed, I am sure that you will understand my cause of concern.

I am interested in knowing who the backer of the organization is as well as reference I suppose in our society today one cannot be too careful in fighting Communism and other elements. Therefore, your investigation into this forming of a third party would be appreciated. Also information on the Urban Coalition Council would be appreciated.

I am a strong believer in our democratic process and letters such as the enclosed concern me. Thank you sincerely. I will expect to hear from you soon.

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November 12, 1970

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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8 BTJ/CAL

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 5th, with enclosure, has been received. In reply to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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