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Dear Sirs,

This letter is in regard to a new organization called "Common Cause" which was written up on the local paper, as being a group headed by a Mr John Gardner, based at 21M Street, Washington, D.C. whose basic ideas are to give the individual American Citizen a unified organization, from which he can make his opinions known.

Being a police officer with the City of Pittsburgh for twenty two years, I have seen many supposedly good organizations come and go, and other organizations used as a front for specific groups. If you have any information on the above organization or its principles either pro or con, I would be extremely grateful in finding out about them, since I feel that there is a need for just such an organization, if it is a sincere representative of the common peoples opinion.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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Dear [Redacted]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of December 10th, 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 regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Advertisements received at the Bureau for an organization named Common Cause have self-advertised the organization as a citizen's lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress. The chairman of this organization, John W. Gardner, is the former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and former chairman of the Urban Coalition.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The enclosed, recieved by me a few days ago, may be above suspicion and of no moment or concern. Yet, because of its very vagueness and lack of better identification, I could not but feel your bureau might care to check.

Might I expect a reply in due course of time?

Continued heartfelt appreciation of you and your bureau's service to our nation!

Sincerely yours,

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Common Cause

P.O. BOX 222 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 materials pertaining to special issues.

Check enclosed Bill me

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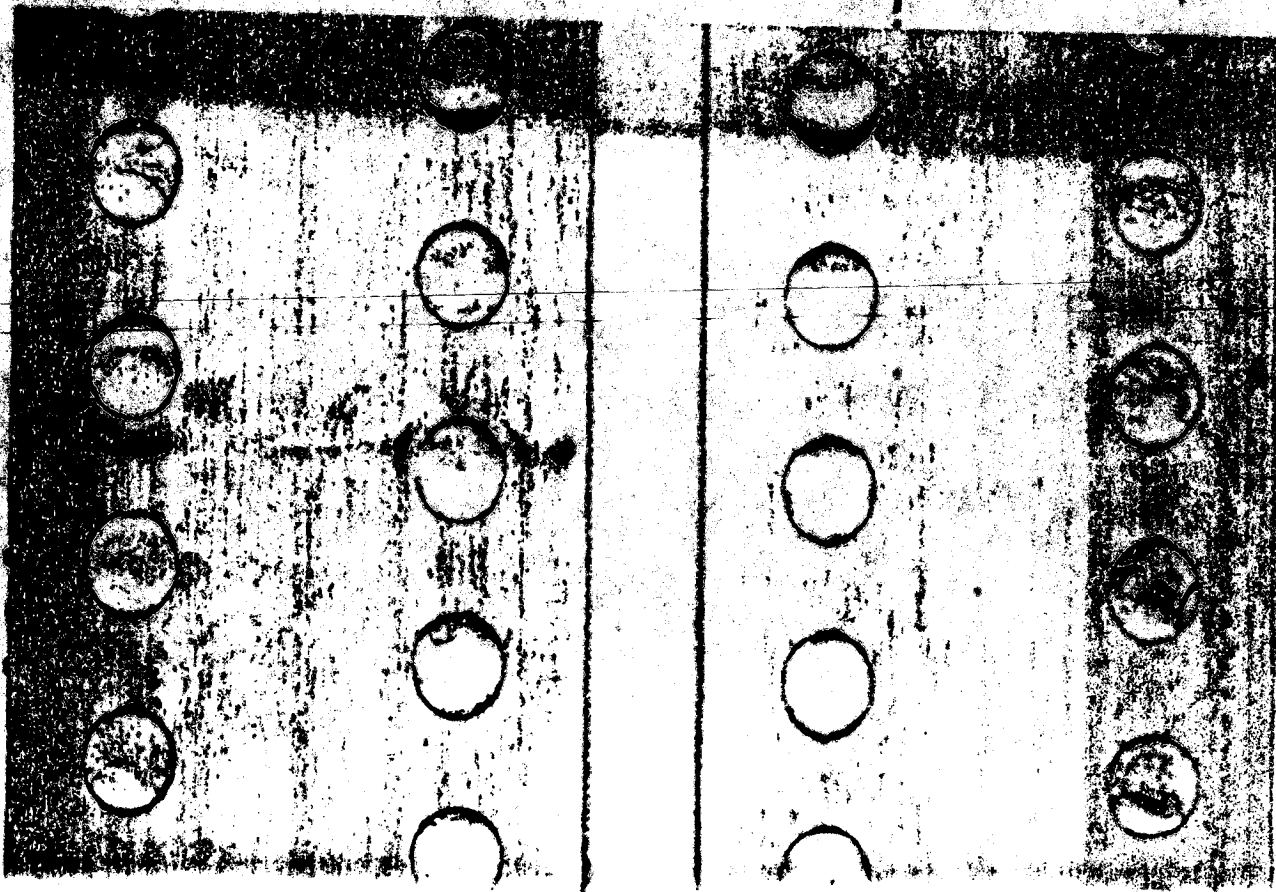
*Of this amount, \$2.00 is allocated to the cost of the newsletter subscription (10 issues per year).

I am enclosing a check with this membership application.

COMMON CAUSE
P.O. BOX 222 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20044

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I am enclosing a check with this membership application.



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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on
November 30th. The concern which prompted you to furnish this
information to the FBI is appreciated as is your kind comment.
With regard to your inquiry, 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.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence with [Redacted]
last outgoing dated 2-6-70. His enclosures are advertisements for
an organization called 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 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 23, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of
Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: Common Cause Solicitation

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is copy of undated letter I received through mail, on November 23, 1970, the envelope indicating undated meter postage. Also enclosed is membership application blank and business reply envelope. My wife, [redacted] and I both received an identical solicitation.

Please investigate and advise. I am concerned in that Mr. John W. Gardner, indicates that our state, city, and national governments are virtually beyond salvation. Just who is Mr. Gardner? It is high time some action be taken to discourage those who inject cause dissension by recanting real and imaginary problems, and by taking advantage of well meaning but uninformed citizens who are often too easily lured into financing questionable ventures.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

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I have received your letter of November 25th, with enclosures, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to contact me.

With respect to your inquiry, 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 regret that we cannot be of assistance to you. I am returning the material you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. His enclosures were 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. The enclosures are not being retained since they have recently been brought to the Bureau's attention in connection with similar inquiries from other individuals.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to know what kind of organization the enclosed is and if its stated purpose is its true purpose. I also received a similar letter before this one but its purpose seemed to be to promote a large group of citizens in America to create turmoil, confusion, and to be capable through its members to put pressure on our government officials, to attain its own goal whatever it should be, it read to me with Red taint. I am a loyal American and I do not wish to receive these propositions of any nature. I wish I had not thrown the other one away.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir:

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I would like to know what kind of organization the enclosed is and if its stated purpose is its true purpose. I also received a similar letter before this one but its purpose seemed to be to promote a large group of citizens in America to create turmoil, confusion, and to be capable through its members to put pressure on our government officials, to attain its own goal whatever it should be, it read to me with bad intent. I am a legal American and I do not wish to receive these propositions of any nature. I wish I had not known the other one either.

Sincerely,
 Yours,
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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8 BTJ/CAJ

Dear [Redacted]

Your communication of December 19th and enclosure
have been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you
to contact us.

With respect to your inquiry, 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 regret
that we cannot be of assistance to you. I am returning the material
you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He enclosed an envelope
of soliciting literature from the 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 govern-
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Department of Justice
Office of Director
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have been approached to join Common Cause, a non-partisan organization headed by Mr. John W. Gardner. The address is 2100 M. St N.W., Washington, D. C., 20037. Their intent is to build a "citizens' lobby" for important issues in Government. The cost to join is \$15.00 per year. Literature is then distributed and members are encouraged to write to public officials.

I have wanted to become involved in vital issues but can not get enough time to read all the different magazines & journals on changing issues. This group looks good to be a part of but before I join, I would appreciate your advice as to whether this group is legitimate, truly "non-partisan," & does it have any connection with communism? I value your opinion and will wait for your answer.

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully yours

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR OF F.B.I.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. HOOVER :

RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TO JOIN COMMON
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CAN NOT GET ENOUGH TIME TO READ ALL THE DIFFERENT MAGAZINES
& JOURNALS ON CHANGING ISSUES. THIS GROUP LOOKS GOOD TO
BE A PART OF BUT BEFORE I JOIN, I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS GROUP IS LEGITIMATE,
TRULY "NON-PARTISAN", & DOES IT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH
COMMUNISM? I VALUE YOUR OPINION AND WILL WAIT FOR YOUR
ANSWER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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Respectfully yours
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