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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 4th has been received and I 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.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Common Cause is an organization which 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. 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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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: January 22, 1971

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: COMMON CAUSE
REQUEST TO JOIN

In memorandum of 1-21-71 from Mr. Tavel to Mr. Mohr captioned as above, information was set forth indicating that two of our employees requested to join this organization. The full-page ad in the Washington Post setting forth information regarding this group contained a footnote which states: "Government employees are free to join Common Cause. See 50 USCA-7102." This is to advise that there is no Title 50, USCA-7102, the highest section in this title being 2394. More than likely, this is a misprint and is actually referring to Title 5, USCA, Section 7102.

This section states: "The right of employees, individually or collectively, to petition Congress or a Member of Congress, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to a committee or Member thereof, may not be interfered with or denied." Copy attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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§ 7101

The right of employees to petition Congress or a Member of Congress, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to a committee or Member thereof, may not be interfered with or denied.

and which shall be subject to the same provisions of law as if such petition or information were presented to the court in which such petition or information was presented.

3. Generally

The right of labor unions of postal employees is expressly recognized by this section. *United Mine Workers of America v. Colorado Fuel Co.*, 390 U.S. 526, 539, 88 S.Ct. 1206, 20 L.Ed.2d 175.

Postal employees may join government employee unions and present grievances to Congress or its members. *Eustace v. Day*, D.C.D.C.1961, 198 F.Supp. 233, affirmed 314 F.2d 247, 114 U.S.App.D.C. 242.

4. Election of representatives

Even if Postmaster General's applying rule requiring participation of 60 per cent of employees concerned in election for determination of representative where less than absolute majority vote for one organization conflicted with Executive Order providing for election of representatives, postal employees and employees' organization of which he was a member

5. Generalities, presentation of

Former section 632(c) of this title (now cl. (2) of this section) providing that presentation of any grievance to Congress shall not constitute cause for removal of each person from the service does not contemplate that the head of a department may censor contents of the petition or that he may dismiss the employee concerned therein if he can prove that statements contained in the petition are untrue. *Steck v. Connally*, D.C.D.C.1961, 199 F.Supp. 104.

Circulation of a petition to a member of Congress was not ground for discharge of a civil service employee in view of provisions of former section 632(c) of this title (now cl. (2) of this section) and fact petition was circulated during working hours involved violation in absence of showing of serious disruption of work and substantial loss of time. *Id.*

§ 7102. Right to petition Congress; employees

The right of employees, individually or collectively, to petition Congress or a Member of Congress, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to a committee or Member thereof, may not be interfered with or denied. Pub.L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 523.

Historical and Revision Notes

Reviser's Note

Derivation: United States Code, 5 U.S.C. 652(d)

Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large, Aug. 22, 1906, ch. 350, § 6 (last sentence), 37 Stat. 539; June 10, 1948, ch. 417 "Sec. 6(d)", 62 Stat. 356.

Explanatory Notes.

The words "in the civil service" are omitted as unnecessary in view of the definition of "employee" in section 2105.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

Library References

Constitutional Law 69L
United States 45.

C.J.S. Constitutional Law § 214
C.J.S. United States § 42.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Common Cause

Dear Sir:

In order to initiate Citizen Power, we must first alert all citizens as to the action they must take. And now is the time. First tell them what is necessary to do. Then tell them how to do it. Then follow up and see that it is done. I have an article entitled "Americans Activate Armageddon", a copy of which I am enclosing. by John A. Lander The original was sent to John Gardner's "Common Cause". They were unable to use it at this time. What the hell are they waiting for? What questions may we ask from a bomb shelter? You people at the F.B.I. are the only persons in our U.S.A. who are aware of the actuality of what is happening.

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[REDACTED] My perspective is somewhat different than the average citizen's. The change must be made now, for tomorrow may be too late. With the help of you, Mr. John E. Hoover, [REDACTED] we may just awaken some kindred spirits. If we do not now, next summer I may meet some of you in Stalag #1 or #2. Of course, we will not recognize each other. We will have become animals.

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The spark for this letter was ignited by the enclosed article in our local paper, "How to set up a Crime Control Committee". I believe you are missing a bet. As stated in the preceding paragraph, it takes initiating. Our Civic Organization had a similar problem. We organized, publicized our action, gave evalua-

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tions of our people, asked help from all citizens of the commu-
ity and got it. I have a belief that "Training and Re-education"
articles may be the best way to alert the masses. There has
been a pressing for 30 years. Now's my only method.

Give it national distribution. W. J. Hoover, since I
have admired you for thirty-five years, you may take full credit

[REDACTED] I feel this is the final test for this action.

If you feel this is the wrong approach, then I give up. Since
nothing else is showing action, my efforts may just as well cease.

Thank you, sir, for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely

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Who is to say at what moment a man's thinking may be motivated by some religious desire or guidance to do something not recognizable by his generation, that may for all eternity change many things for the better. Who is to make prior evaluation without trial and understanding? Many, who were thought to be wise men, have erred in the past. Let's give fair trial to any change to improve the bad side of wise erring.

May we assume those of righteous thinking have read God's teachings, have no fear of the removal of evil from this earth, and are ready to destroy forever the evil that is slowly eating into the bowels of decency to destroy the innermost thoughts of righteousness. We cannot request the Gods of Thunder & Lightning to strike mankind and make them good. We must, as strong multitudes, gather in unison and move slowly across the nation in an undulating, grasping manner, finding by search, each fibre of evil and destroying it at its source, thus giving vent to God's wishes that evil must from this earth depart. Who is better able to distinguish evil from good than man himself; as each day he must confront and tear out each thin thread of evil so it may never propagate again on this earth. Remove from your thinking how each evil function was brought about and bury it forever.

To each man who may read this article, stop here, think, down deep, do you really wish you had written these somethings? Please remember not all men are writers, not all men are thinkers. When one does all we wish we had done, follow him to the end if you believe that man may conceive a manner of living with fear of God only, not of hoods, aggressors, murderers, and thieves, causing depredation to run amuck. How many chances do you believe we will have? Now is the time, while there are a few fighters left willing to give all for a better America. Stop! Look! Listen!

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He has a tremendous position. He has been let and order, the
most best progress, he has made. "The people of the world as a whole
cannot wait any longer. It will soon be and understood by nations
they care about, because he has seemed to complete capture as a
family structure in restoring America to the America our forefathers
fought so gallantly for. Let our creed be "God Bless America!"

Take for example, all who have read two articles in Readers
Digest for November 1970, or those who may desire to read them
after reading this. The Case of the Purloined Crime Law, page 63;
this was caused by an antiquated system of government, plus stupid
government. Then read article #2, Only Radical Reform Can Save
Our Courts, page 106. For God's sake, what have our elected people
been waiting for, or are they afraid to think or unable to compre-
hend that our future is at stake.

YOU, the people who call yourselves Americans, yet allow
your children to act like cannibals, are losing every semblance of
righteousness. You are afraid, yes afraid, to adjust your lives
to normalcy and make your children do the same. You are afraid to
confront the so called establishment and find out what it's all
about and change the whole damn picture to make all things realistic.
These children are wasting their lives and yours also. You sit and
observe television and let it absorb your thinking to the extent
that there is nothing else. This is a damn poor way of life. Soon
another nation, not controlled by TV, will take over while you are
watching your program, and, of course, will have already taken your
neglected children into their fold. TV is not what this is all
about, your ignorance of what is happening is what needs to be cor-
rected. Now think, and for God's sake bury this whole mess in
hell where it belongs. Read, think, study the whole picture. It
is not too late now, but tomorrow may be. You, parents of today,
must act at once, not just read about it, ACT!

When groups of grubby, stinking, mongolian idiots are able
to scare judges and police by coercion, beatings and killings, then
stick their filthy hands into our children's pockets to take money

In the past, the majority of crime victims were... (text is very faint and partially obscured)

The encouraging news, however, is that the trend does not have to continue. Crime in your community can be every community... (text is very faint)

Citizen power has inherent in it irresistible strength. There is almost no limit to what can be accomplished for the good of society through the intelligent and steady application of citizen power.

Citizen power is real, and it becomes more real as it gains momentum. Its only short-coming is that it is not self-starting. It is not self-generating.

To mobilize competent and responsible individuals for sustained action against crime, some voluntary leadership groups in the community - such as the local chamber of commerce - must take charge of the situation - must take the initiative.

This is the first and essential step toward reducing crime. You people in your community may already have taken this step. If not...

A NEW HANDBOOK FOR CRIME FIGHTERS

To help local business leaders and others take the initiative, and to fight crime systematically and effectively, the National Chamber through its Community and Regional Development Group - has published a new 133-page handbook called, "Marshaling Citizen Power Against Crime."

This document is the product of purposive research. It gets to the bottom of things. It highlights the problems which today face the criminal justice system. The problems are:

1. Roadblocks that stand in the way of the local police. Example: "So many acts have been defined as 'criminal', that major crimes are, in a sense, protected because the system is so bogged down in dealing with relatively minor offenses."
2. Lack of order in the courts. Example: "Most courts in the nation are not well run; most do not have effective management

... (text is very faint and partially obscured)

HOW TO SET UP A CRIME CONTROL COMMITTEE

"Marshaling Citizen Power Against Crime" is factual and revealing, and makes fascinating reading. But it is not intended merely to be read, it is a working tool.

It explains in detail how to set up a crime control committee. It shows how to determine what needs to be done to curtail crime in your community, how to establish priorities, and how to take action without loss of time or resources.

It contains a checklist of more than 250 key questions to ask about the local police system, the courts and the correctional system. It contains an "Inventory of Citizen Programs," now in successful operation in cities in the U.S., and a list of "Reference Materials for Informed Action."

"Marshaling Citizen Power Against Crime" is already in wide use. Many cities throughout the country have established a crime prevention or crime control committee. Many more need to do so.

Citizen power takes initiative. It works slowly but surely. Over the long run, it is the right answer to reducing crime, the only answer. The businessmen of America are determined to put it to work, and to make it work.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 26th, with enclosures, has been received and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of my administration of the FBI.

While I understand the concern prompting your proposal, it is contrary to my policy to make recommendations regarding any material which has not been prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I have always refrained from injecting the FBI or myself into local matters such as commercial aspects involved, since any program using citizens to assist law enforcement agencies would require local authorization. So many varying factors must be taken into consideration in each community that the problem is properly one for decision by those most closely acquainted with the local situation.

I am enclosing publications which I hope will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Respect for Law and Order
How Civic Organizations Can Assist Law Enforcement in Preventing Crime
Civic Organizations/ Partners of Law Enforcement

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Re: John A. [redacted]

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He encloses an article [redacted] which urges citizens to take action and requests that the Director give [redacted] national distribution. He is willing that the Director take credit for it; however, it is noted that at the end of the article it urges all individuals who feel strongly about getting action to write to John Gardner, 2100 M Street, the Common Cause, Washington, D. C., and send \$15 for enrollment. He also encloses a newspaper clipping which tells how to set up a crime control committee using citizen power to take the initiative.

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regaining command of society

John Gardner, chairman of the citizens' lobby, Common Cause, is in Honolulu and will address present and prospective members of the group at 5 p.m. today at the Ala Moana Hotel. He outlined the needs and hopes for the organization in a talk late last year to a UPI editors' conference in Williamsburg, Va. Excerpts from that speech are printed here.

By JOHN GARDNER
Chairman, Common Cause

As a nation we have never faced more ominous problems—the threat of nuclear war, irreversible destruction of the environment, a world population crisis, urban decay, civil disorder.

Every informed American has heard about the problems so often reported by them. But under the boredom, he's deeply troubled. And he has reason to be.

There has never been a time like this in all of our experience as a nation. Since the dawn of history many flourishing civilizations have died. Ask yourself if it could happen to us. Ask yourself what the signs of decay might be. And then read your morning newspaper.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are not blind. They see the signs and they are worried. I'm worried too. More than I can tell you. I fear for our country. I'm not just worried about the size and scope of the problems. I'm worried about the hatred, the growing cynicism, the loss of confidence.

I travel constantly, to every part of this country, and I find everywhere—among working people, executives, minority groups, middle class housewives, young people, old people—the same troubled mood. It is a curious mixture of apprehension and depression—a kind of agitated melancholia.

There is a feeling that things aren't working. There is profound skepticism about the political and governmental processes. There is a sense that the two major parties. The independent vote continues to rise.

Such feelings constitute a kind of explosive charge that could splinter our two major parties. It could lead us to follow the shallowest of demagogues. It could result in massive refusals to vote. (There is already evidence of that outcome.) It could lead to increasing civil disorders or to severe repressive measures.

BUT THAT SAME electric charge might be the fuel for a truly constructive movement. And that's what I want to talk to you about today. The very depth and breadth of concern means that many people are ready to act constructively even if it means sacrifice. The difficulty is they don't know just how or where they can put their shoulder to the wheel.

I not only believe there are specific things they can do; I believe they are beginning to do them. The beginnings are very tentative, to be sure, but they are there.

In order to describe those beginnings, let me emphasize that there is in virtually all segments and classes of society today a feeling that the institutions that should be serving us aren't serving us, that we are powerless before the vastness and complexity of our own society, powerless before the giant institutions that stand astride our national life.

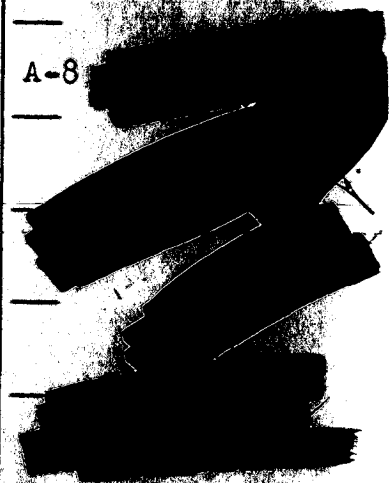
GIVEN THAT URGENT concern, it is not surprising to see a variety of groping efforts to bring our ruling institutions, corporate and governmental, back to some reasonable accountability. The ombudsman concept is being tried in various places. Young lawyers are using litigation in various ingenious ways to call private and public agencies to account. Consumerism, which is so far largely a middle-class phenomenon, is essentially the same kind of effort.

In short, I think we are seeing the beginnings of a powerful movement to call the great institutions of our society to account. And I believe that as that movement continues, American citizens are going to make a startling discovery. They are going to discover that the only way they can regain command of their society and their own future is to regain command of the instruments of self-government.

AND WHAT ARE those instruments? They are precisely the city councils, the

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