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Dear Sir.

I have long been an admirer of you and the organization you represent and like many other folks am frustrated by events taking place in our country.

I have asked myself what can be done at times besides voting and leading a normal law abiding life?

I recently recieved the enclosed publication in the mail asking me to support the organization described. opinion, would this be a worthwhile cause?

Another point that causes great concern is the increase in destruction of public property by radicals. The Bank of America and our own Stanford University are prime examples. What can an average citizen do to help in this instance without endangering his own life and property. I feel almost ill at the damage being done.

I'm purposely making this brief because I know you have many obligations at hand to contend with. I would appreciate knowing your opinion, at your convenience, on the above matters.

Sincerely.

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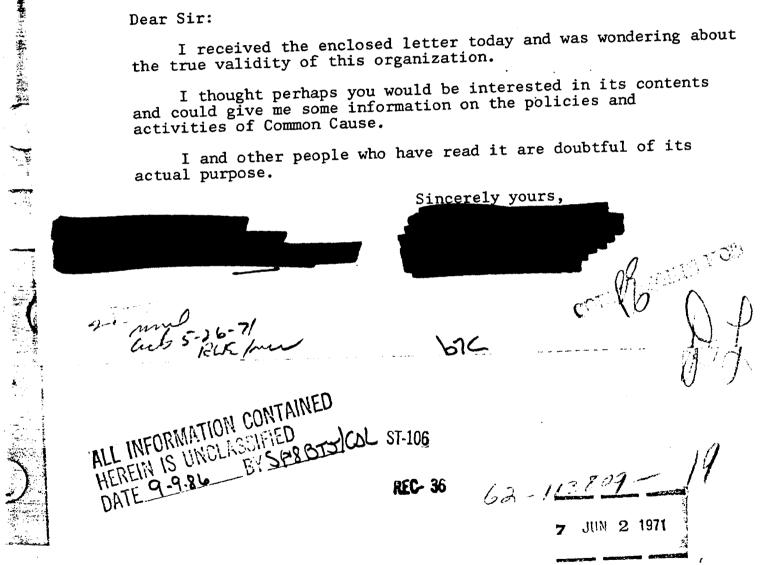
J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I received the enclosed letter today and was wondering about the true validity of this organization.

I thought perhaps you would be interested in its contents and could give me some information on the policies and activities of Common Cause.

I and other people who have read it are doubtful of its actual purpose.



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May 26, 1971

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Dear

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I received your letter of May 21st and 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,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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Correspondent's enclosures

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

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July 21, 1971

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Department of Justice Internal Security Div., Subversion Activities Sec. Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Suggested investigation of enclosed literature --"Common Cause" movement, John W. Gardner, Chairman

My letter dated July 9 to your Long Beach Office, enclose, along with the response of same office, also enclosed, perhaps indicates the intent of my letter to you herewith.

I would be gratified to be advised concerning the validity of this organization to the best welfare of our country, and your thinking concerning my future disposition of any more of such literature from this group, other than tearing it up and throwing it away.

Thank you for your early attention to this matter. I will be looking forward to your advised reply.

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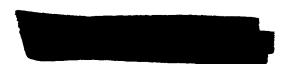
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July 9, 1971

FBI Box 108, Federal Bldg. Long Beach, California

Attn.:

Re: COMMON CAUSE Movement/John W. Gardner

Thank you for your response to my telephone query regarding literature (enclosed) which I received in the mail a few days ago.

I will value very much knowing the results of your investigation of this organization.

As I mentioned to you, I suspicion it to be a Communist front organization. If your findings show this to be the case, may I also know what, if any action you take to curtail or discourage its continued activity.

Thank you again. I will never cease to be grateful we still have an FBI functioning under the incomparable leadership of our indefatigable J. EDGAR HOOVER!

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JULY 13, 1971

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DUE TO THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION
HANDLED BY THE F. B. I. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
YOUR INQUIRY REGARDING "COMMON CAUSE" BE RE.
FERRED TO, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INTERNAL
SECURITY DIVISION, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
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THANK YOU,

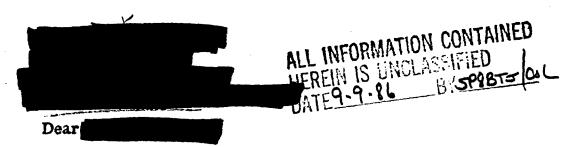
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July 27, 1971



I have received your letter of July 21st, with enclosures, and appreciate your kind comment regarding my direction of the FBI.

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 am returning the material you forwarded and regret we cannot be of assistance.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Rosen to Sullivan Memorandum
Re: CONGRESSMAN

advised he did not obtain a Federal job as a result of his contact with Congressman and therefore, to obtain a job with suggesting that such employment would help "quiet" Congressman attacks The inference was that if Congressman against knew that was working for the Congressman would stop attacking fearing that would reveal to news columnists, such as Jack Anderson, that the Congressman had asked him to infiltrate Common Cause. was not hired by as did not want to have anything to do with such possible intimidation of Congressman

Our relations with Congressman are satisfactory. In August, 1970, he furnished a complaint to our Phoenix Office that his telephone and the telephones of several other people were tapped by people associated with in an effort to "get him." Our Interception of Communications investigation is completed, grand jury hearings have been held, but no indictments were obtained as no positive evidence of wiretap was developed despite extensive investigation. Alleged pertinent evidence was destroyed prior to our investigation.

ACTION: This is for information.

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October 13, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been receiving letters from an organization that goes by the name of Common Cause. The information included does not sound all that bad, but then it is very debatable. I like some of the things the organization says, but it does sound as some Communist front organizations do.

Could you please send me the F.B.I.'s official classification for organizations like this. I would like to know everything about them before considering membership with Common Cause.

They have a mailing address of:

Common Cause

2100 M Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20037.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation for my benefit.

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Sincerely,

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I have received your letter of October 13th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to contact me.

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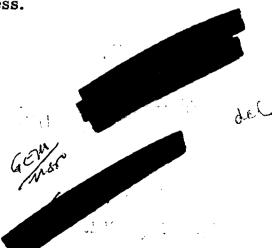
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable Bufiles. Common Cause is citizens' lobbying group professedly aimed at revitalizing politics and Government by use of citizen action to influence Congress.

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Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1971, which requested current characterizations concerning the Youths for Socialist America, Kent State University and five other organizations. In addition, you also requested information concerning

The files of this Eureau reflect no identifiable information concerning the Youths for Socialist America, Kent State University or for Rub (Resistance, Unity & Brotherhood) Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts. Also, Eureau files reflect no identifiable information concerning

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With regard to Common Cause, the files of this Euroau reveal John W. Gardner as chairman of Common Cause, a former Secretary of Health, Education and Wolfare and former chairman of the Urban Coalition. This organization was 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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With regard to Voices in Vital America (VIVA), the April 18, 1960, edition of the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" concerned recent activity which involved Stove Frank, leader of locking and an American Story in and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check

This docidità commande to modern the state of the distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division.

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The article described the organization as one which is conservative. The article referred to Frank as a student who was commended by President Richard Hixon for his actions at student disorders at Los Angeles City College, where he, Frank, led students in tearing down barricades placed there by striking militants.

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With regard to the Computer People for Peace, the files of this Eureau reveal that the Computer Professionals for Peace (CPP) (now known as Computer People For Peace) (CPFP) distributed a leaflet in January, 1970, captioned "Computer Professionals For Peace," which reflects in part as follows:

"CPP was formed to stress the need for organizing Computer Professionals on political and social questions, particularly the use of computers by the military and social control."

"The Village Voice," a weekly newspaper published in New York City, issue of February 5, 1970, Page 25, reflected the following:

"Connections, Computer Professionals For Peace publishes a newsletter, 'Interrupt' (the group can be reached at Post Office Box 1897, Brocklyn, New York, 11802), Co-Chairman Carl Millstein, writes, 'I believe we are semewhat unique in that we are technically oriented and based primarily within the corporation structure. Some of the current projects include emposing the war crimes created by Honeywell, prime manufacturers of anti-personnel fragmentation beads; emploring the ways in which computer technology can actually save the people - not corporate profit or Government military ventures; and build a union of people in the computer field."

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(COMMON CAUSE) WASHINGTON-THE REV. JESSE JACKSON, CHICAGO, LED A LIST OF 19
NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF COMMON CAUSE, THE ORGANIZATION REPORTED TODAY.

JACKSON, HEAD OF OPERATION BREADBASKET AND AN ASSOCIATE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WAS SECOND ONLY TO JOHN W. GARDNER IN MAIL BALLOTING FOR 20 OF 60 SEATS ON THE BOARD OF THE SO-CALLED "CITIZENS LOBBY. " GARDNER, COMMON CAUSE FOUNDER, GOT 61, 209 VOTES FROM 63,488 BALLOTS. JACKSON GOT 41,143. GARDNER HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP'S BOARD.

OTHER NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INCLUDED WILBUR J. COHEN, ANN ARBOR, MICH., WHO SUCCEEDED GARDNER AS HEW SECRETARY DURING THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION; BETTY FURNESS, NEW YORK, JOHNSON'S FORMER CONSUMER ADVISER; RUBY G. MARTIN, COLUMBIA, MD., FORMER HEW CIVIL RIGHTS DIRECTOR; AND RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, NEW HAVEN, CONN., A FORMER WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATIONS. JG 21 OPED--9-28

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

November 3, 1971

Common Cause P. O. Box 220 Washington, D. C. 20044

Attention: John Gardner

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Today I received your undated letter and the folder enclosed requesting my membership and dollar support of "Common Cause". Your 4-page letter does not answer some questions, and perhaps I do not qualify for your organization because of the following:

- 1. I will not join groups or organizations without investigating the methods and purposes of such groups.
- 2. I will help other citizens become fully and correctly informed concerning the objectives, tactics, allegations and dangers of communism.
- 3. I will be alert to subversive forces that are attempting to undermine the principles of our government and our economic and social ideals.
- 4. I will support the F.B.I. and those public officials who are endeavoring to combat communism.
- 5. I will work with youth groups on character building, moral and spiritual programs such as the Boy Scouts of America.

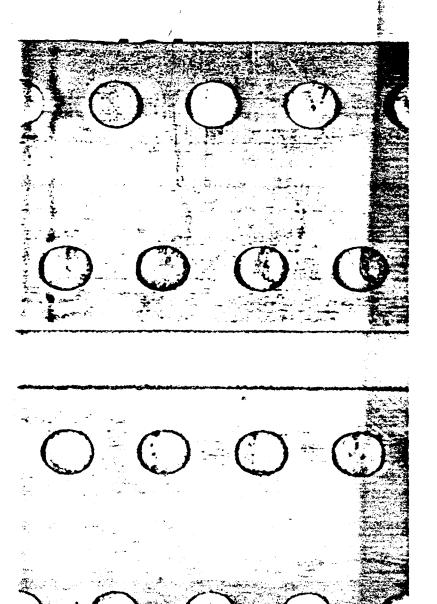
If, as you state, "Common Cause" has 200,000 members lobbying in the public interest, you should have a vehicle to express indignation at the "news twisters" on some of the national networks, and the fact that two major networks have hired well know radicals, one to head up their Far East news service.

In summary, after reading your literature, it does not seem that your REC.76 62-113809-23 objectives are parallel to mine.

Very truly yours No LOCALITY

J. Edgar Hoover w/att.

PENCLOSURE ATTACHED



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Don't just
sit there and
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to rebuild
America...

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You are invited to join forces with Common Cause...a 'Citizen's Lobby" of the people, by the people and for the people.

It's time to act—and act in unison. Too many of our elected officials have turned a deaf ear to the wishes of the people and our isolated voices have gone eeded. In unity we shall find strength. And in mon Cause we have found unity.

Common Cause is the national non-partisan citizen's group with over 200,000 members, lobbying in the public interest at all levels of government. "Lobbying" is not a dirty word. It is a legitimate part of our political process, a right granted to all of us in the "right to petition" clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution. And it's about time we had a "Citizen's Lobby" to petition for the people, not the special interest groups.

The concern of Common Cause is issues, not political parties or candidates. We are a third force,

not a third party. Our members are forward-looking Democrats, Republicans and Independents seeking to improve our institutions so that the decisions of our federal agencies and the actions of Congress and state and city legislatures are truly in the public interest and reflect the will of the people.

Among our aims ...

...to overhaul and revitalize our government institutions...to withdraw American forces from Indochina...to provide equal opportunity for all...to preserve the environment ...to eliminate poverty...to provide everyone with decent housing...to improve our education system...to provide necessary job skills...to overhaul our health system ...to protect the consumer...to plan carefully for population growth...to sustain economic growth...to achieve more effective ways of dealing with lawlessness...to improve urban transportation.

They sound like lofty goals. But Common Cause has proven in its first year of life that those goals can be translated into specific legislative battles. And the battles can be fought—and often won. But not without your help. Concerned citizen participation is the very lifeblood of a democratic society, and unless we—the people—work toward solving its problems, most of those problems will remain with us, if not worsen.

How much is it worth to you to have 200,000 allies and a team of lobbyists working year-round to try to solve these problems, in Washington, D. C. and throughout the country? \$100? \$50? Annual membership in Common Cause is \$15. As a Common Cause Member, you join forces with a strong growing team of concerned Americans eager to support lobbying efforts in behalf of the people. In addition, you receive the Common Cause Report from Washington 10 times a year, as well as Time to Act bulletins—keeping you up to date on crucial issues before Congress and enabling you to speak and act in behalf of legislation that affects you, your family, your job and your future.

With our large and determined membership, we hope to create a better, more united America. Won't you join us.

Common Cause

Membership Form

I would like to become an Active Member of Common Cause, for which I am enclosing \$15 annual dues. I understand that as a Member

... I am helping support Common Cause's extensive lobbying efforts in behalf of the people and

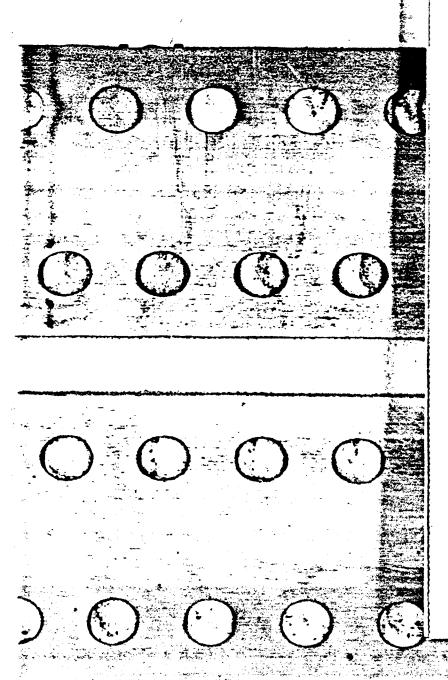
... I will receive the Common Cause Report from Washington* 10 times a year, as well as Time to Act bulletins keeping me up to date on crucial issues before Congress and how to speak and act in behalf of legislation that affects me, my family, my job and my future.

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"...The aim of Mr. Gardner's effort is not to found a new party or win a particular campaign. His hope is to freshen the springs of political life, to recruit new talent for both parties and at every level of government, to concentrate attention on the issues that are genuinely significant, to sponsor needed reforms. It is a bold and ambitious undertaking which Mr. Gardner and his colleagues are attempting. Self-government lives by that kind of boldness and ambition."

-The New York Times

"... At this point all that can be said is that Common Cause in less than a year has made a significant impact on the government and on those who run the government."—Godfrey Sperling, Christian Science Monitor

"... Gardner has perceived something few politicians are willing to admit publicly: disillusionment with 'the system' is not confined to the college youths or radicals or blacks. Much of educated, affluent, middle-class America is equally turned off by government and politics today, distrustful of the ability or willingness of elected officials to meet the problems that plague America. As much as anything, Gardner is seeking to revive a hope and confidence in them ..."

-David Broder, The Washington Post

"...We wish John Gardner well—because we wish the country well. He and his recruits from all segments of American life just possibly might be able to achieve some actions that desperately need achieving..."

-The Asheville Times



When John Gardner, Chairman of Common Cause, served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D. C., he became convinced that only an aroused, enlightened and organized citizenry can revitalize our battered, time-worn institutions. Former educator, former Carnegie Corporation President, his concern led him to take on the important role as Chairman of the

National Urban Coalition. Now, as Chairman of Common Cause, he is involved in one of the most important pursuits of our time—to return this country to its people... to make our government more responsive to the needs of the nation and the will of its citizens.



COMMON CAUSE

2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037

