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Nov. 7, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director. FBI
Washington, D. C. 200

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Sir:

Realizing full well that you nor your people will
give out any specific information _ but-

Can you help in any way in regards to JOHN W.
GARDNER, Chairman of COMMON CAUSE (P. O. Box 220, D.C.
20044 and 2100 M Street, N.W., D. C. 20037) supposedly
"sprouted" from the URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL,
and their activities?

I hope you are aware they are soliciting members
and movies via U. S. Mails.

Goals appear to be most excellent - but so did Castro's
in the beginning!

With much appreciation for any help and advice.

Just an "American" - partly - from it's beginning.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Sir:

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November 13, 1970

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of November 7th, 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 we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Our files contain no record of correspondent. We have had previous citizen inquiries regarding the organization, 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. 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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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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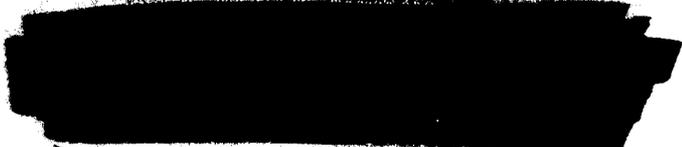
Dear Sir:

The enclosed material is self-explanatory.

I am skeptical about do-gooders and people
with a mission.

I would appreciate advise as to whether this
group is communist oriented, is on the up and up, or
is a branch of screw balls.

Very truly yours,



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November 10, 1970

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My [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 7th, with enclosures, has been received and I appreciate the thought prompting you to write.

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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Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. 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 Mr Hoover,

I am confident you are aware of this organization but as a concerned citizen I feel it my duty to pass this mailing on to you.

I do not appreciate the way it reads and am highly suspicious of it.

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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Building
Washington D. C.

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November 20, 1970

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DATE 9-9-86 BY SP8BJT/CAL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on November 17th. 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

MAILED 24
NOV 20 1970
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. 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 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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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 DIVISION 5

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-~~redacted~~)

SUBJECT: COMMON CASE
 P. O. Box 226
 Washington, D. C. 20044
 SM - MISC

DATE: 11/25/70



Enclosed to the Bureau is literature from captioned organization addressed to ~~redacted~~

St. Louis indices negative on captioned organization as well as ~~redacted~~

It is noted that captioned Chairman is listed as JOHN W. GARDNER.

DC. MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Enclosures being furnished to the Bureau for intelligence purposes.

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DEC 7 - 1970

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JOHN W. GARDNER

1014 1/2 STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

*Just curious to see
you follow with this mail*

JW
[Redacted]

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*F. B. I.
St. Louis, Mo.*

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JOHN W. GARDNER
1200 N. GARDNER AVE.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

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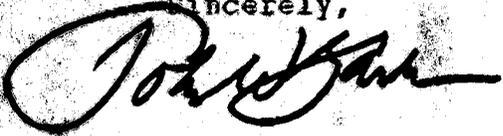
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Dear [REDACTED]

Increasing numbers of Americans are deeply concerned, as I am, by many things that are happening in the nation at this time -- and by some things that ought to be happening, but are not. If you share that concern, you may be interested in a new movement to bring about urgently needed changes.

The new movement is Common Cause. Its objectives are described in the letter. When you have read it, I hope you will want to enroll.

Sincerely,



John W. Gardner

JWG/pw

Enclosure

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As far as you know, is John Gardner's "Common Cause" a genuine effort to improve America in a way that is not subversive in nature? Would you please advise me relative to whether or not you feel that membership in the "Common Cause" is a way to unite efforts to help keep America free and democratic?

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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December 2, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on November 30th. In reply to your inquiries, 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.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Kansas City - Enclosure
Attention SAC: Refer to Bulet 11/2/70 to correspondent, copy furnished your office.

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