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2 MAY 1975

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Inspector General

**VIA :** Deputy Director for Administration

**SUBJECT :** Alleged Illegal Domestic Activities  
Common Cause

1. Reference is made to a 1 May 1975 verbal request from the Inspector General asking that Office of Security records be reviewed concerning an allegation that the Agency maintains a computer print-out on the staff and/or members of an organization known as "Common Cause."

2. A search of the Office of Security's indices disclosed no evidence of a computer print-out or list containing the names of the staff or members of "Common Cause." The above search included a review of the records maintained in the Office of Security's Compartmented Information Branch (CIB).

3. The Office of Security does, however, maintain a file on the organization "Common Cause" (SF#607 236) which consists primarily of newspaper clippings regarding that organization and memoranda dealing with requests from Agency employees to join "Common Cause." Cited memoranda reflect the Office of Security's interest in determining if an Agency employee's membership in "Common Cause" would in any way violate the Hatch Act. An opinion rendered by the Office of General Counsel on 12 April 1971 (OGC-71-0530) to the Office of Security indicated that membership in "Common Cause" would not be in violation of the Hatch Act, so long as the members' activities did not involve partisan political activities.

4. The review of the file on "Common Cause" disclosed no computer compilation or print-out on the staff or members of that organization. Office of Security indices did disclose a file on

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In addition, the Office of Security would maintain files on certain members of "Common Cause" in view of the fact that some of its members are current/former Agency employees.

5. In view of the above findings, no additional re-search into the referenced allegation is contemplated.

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