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**Disclose
GOP Fund
--Gardner**

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WASHINGTON — John Gardner, chairman of Common Cause, the so-called Citizens' Lobby," said today the best way for President Nixon to "clear the air" over the Watergate break-in is to disclose the sources of his \$10 million campaign fund.

Gardner said he is considering suing to try to force disclosure.

Gardner also revealed, at a breakfast meeting with newsmen, that Common Cause has filed 286 complaints on violations of the new campaign disclosure act but that the Justice Department has acted on only one against the Committee to Impeach the President.

The Justice Department, he added, acted promptly on that case.

Gardner, a Republican when he was former President Johnson's Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said he had written Clark MacGregor, director of Nixon's campaign committee, arguing that the President has a legal obligation to divulge the sources of a \$10 million campaign fund.

Republican campaign officials have refused to disclose the names of the contributors. They said the money had been received before the April 7 deadline imposed by MacGregor and that sure law.

ic leader, had filed a report Gardner told newsmen his letter has not been answered by MacGregor and that Common Cause lawyers are considering suing under the Corrupt Practices Act.

Gardner said the 286 cases of alleged violations of the campaign disclosure act included the names of many members of Congress as well as their challengers.