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Common Cause's Suit Unresolved

The Finance Committee to Re-elect the President and Common Cause negotiated for three hours yesterday but failed to settle a lawsuit by the so-called citizens' lobby intended to compel the Nixon group to disclose its financing before the current elections disclosure law took effect in April, 1972.

Common Cause Chairman John W. Gardner told newsmen after the negotiating session in the office of U.S. District Judge Joseph C. Waddy:

"In accordance with the instructions of Judge Waddy, I cannot discuss any offers of settlement made in the Judge's chambers or our reactions to them.

"I can say, however, that Common Cause has always sought full disclosure of contributions and expenditures, and we will not settle for less."