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FILE TITLE/NUMBER/VOLUME: LAWSON, JOHN HOWARD
251-5603

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CUSTODIAL UNIT/LOCATION: _____

ROOM: _____

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13 May 78		Johnanne Smith	<i>Johnanne Smith</i>
7 Nov 78		BETSY WOLF	<i>Betsy Wolf</i>

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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on L. LAWSON (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- should be closed.
- witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- potential witting collaborator; date opened _____ OI Code A2.
- former witting collaborator (relationship terminated). OI Code A3.
- potential witting collaborator never contacted (security reasons, derogatory information). OI Code A4.
- counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- all others. OI Code A6.

Signed *J. Carroll* *Ops Officer CIRA/CA*
(name) (title) (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed *ERL* *22 JAN 1975* 197
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FBI doc.
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Re: Lawson
(X-ref form)

FBI doc.
30 Aug. 67 (L.A.)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
LA Field office - 100-21198

FBI doc.
13 July 66 (L.A.)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
LA Field office: 100-21198

FBI doc.

28 Oct 47

(X-ref. form.)

Re: Lawson

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EX - 786
5 December 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "American Defectors to the USSR"

1. The attached material was part of a soft file entitled "American Defectors to the USSR", which was set up by SR/6 (Support) around 1960 and maintained by various SR components until ca. 1963. The compilations were derived from a variety of sources, and contain both classified and overt data.
2. In the fall of 1966, the files were turned over to CI Staff. In most instances, basic information was then abstracted for the US Defector Machine Program. In all instances in which the material was unique, or represented a valuable collation effort, it has been incorporated into the appropriate 201 file, along with a copy of this memorandum.
3. It is suggested that any dissemination of this data should be coordinated with SB Division and with CI Staff (CI/MRO), in view of the frequently inadequate sourcing and of the fact that disseminations have already been made through the US Defector Machine Program.

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John Howard LAWSON
DBF 96650
18 Dec 1961

Subject is in sanitarium located near Moscow, USSR.
Information was in A letter.

Plans to remain in the Soviet Union for approximately 8 months after
release from Sanitarium to work with the movie industry.


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FBI doc.
21 May 63 (copy)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
NY file: 100-80918

FBI doc.
22 Jun. '65 (L.A.)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
L.A. Field Off. - 100-21198

FBI doc.
15 July '64 (L.A.)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
L.A. Field Office: 100-21198

FBI doc
20 Oct 61 (L.A.)
Re: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
L.A. Field Office - 100-21198

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Re: John Howard Lawson
December 61 (L.A.)
Bufile 100-370750~~

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Re: John Howard Lawson
(?) Dec. '61 (Wash.)
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Dept. of State
12 Jan 54
(X-ref form)
Re: Lawson, John Howard

FBI doc.
25 June 1963 (L.A.)

RE: Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Lawson
no Bufile given

FBI doc.
27 Aug. '64
RE: John Howard Lawson
(x-ref. form)

FBI doc.
10 July '63 (LA.)
RE: Sue Lawson
Bufile: 100-390999
Field office (LA): 100-29552

FBI doc.
15 May 1963 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
no Bufile given

FBI doc.
6 May 1963 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field Office (LA): 100-21198

FBI doc.
1 May 1961 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Sue Lawson
no Bufile given

FBI doc.
3 July 1951
RE: John Howard Lawson
aka: Jacob Levy, Jack Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750

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FBI doc.
17 Sep. '62 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field Office: 100-21196

FBI doc.
10 July '62 (LA)
RE: Sue Lawson
Bufile: 100-390999
Field Office: 100-29552

FBI doc.
26 Feb. '62 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Field office & no Bufile given

FBI doc.
28 Mar. '62 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field office: 100-21198

FBI doc.
18 Dec. 1961 (Wash.)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750

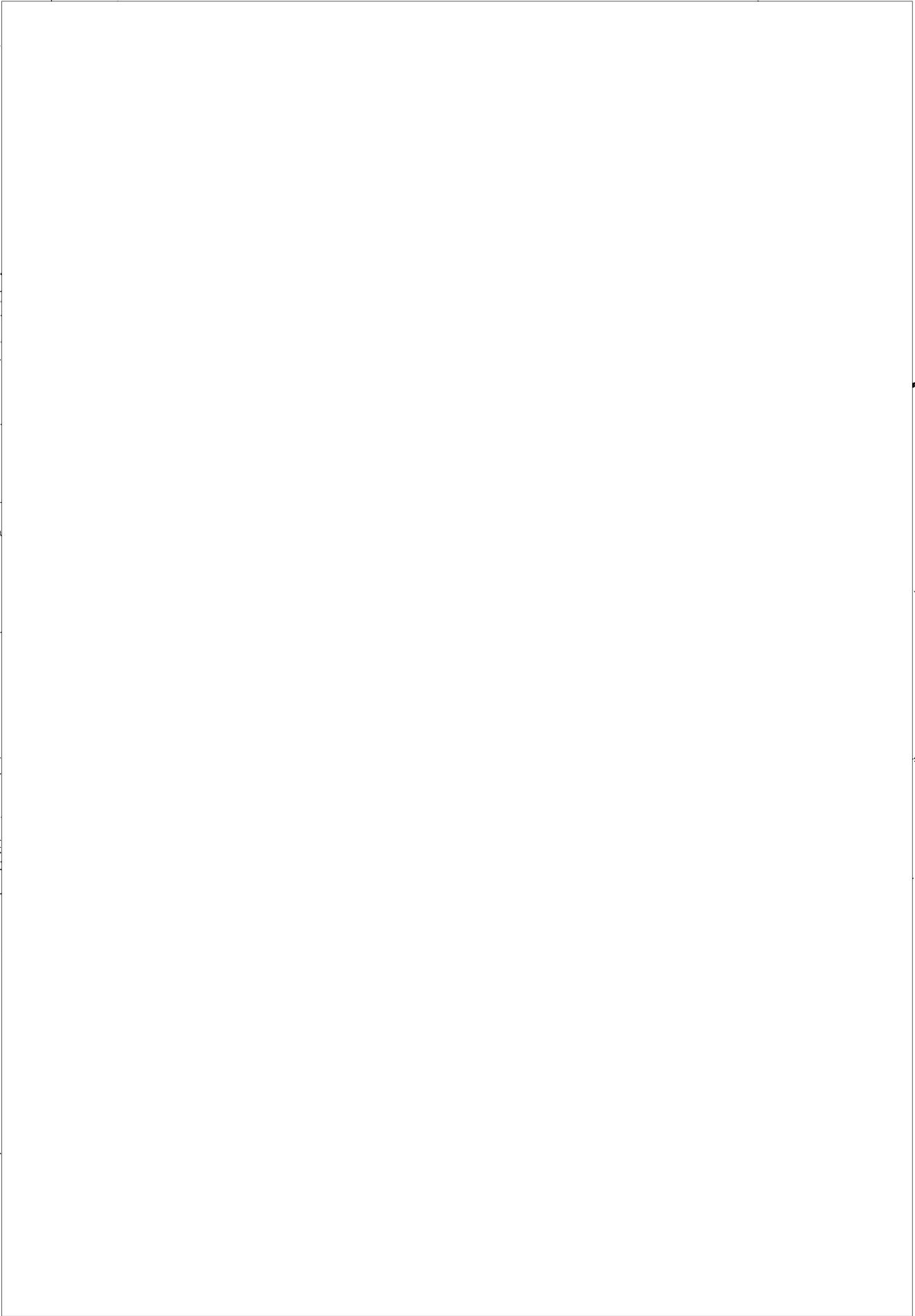
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Subj: 201 Hotel Room

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Dear,

Emma Brock is doing
the following research
Areas -

Robert Adams is the
nephew of son probably
Harriet.

Thomas probably done
all or half in research on

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FBI doc.
2 June 1961 (Wash.)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Sue Lawson
no Bufile given

FBI doc., 11 May '61 (NY)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field office; 100-80918

FBI doc.
19 April 1961 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field Office: 100-21198

FBI doc.
12 April 1961 (Wash.)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Sue Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
100-390999

FBI doc.
30 Jan. '61 (Seattle)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field office: 100-6230

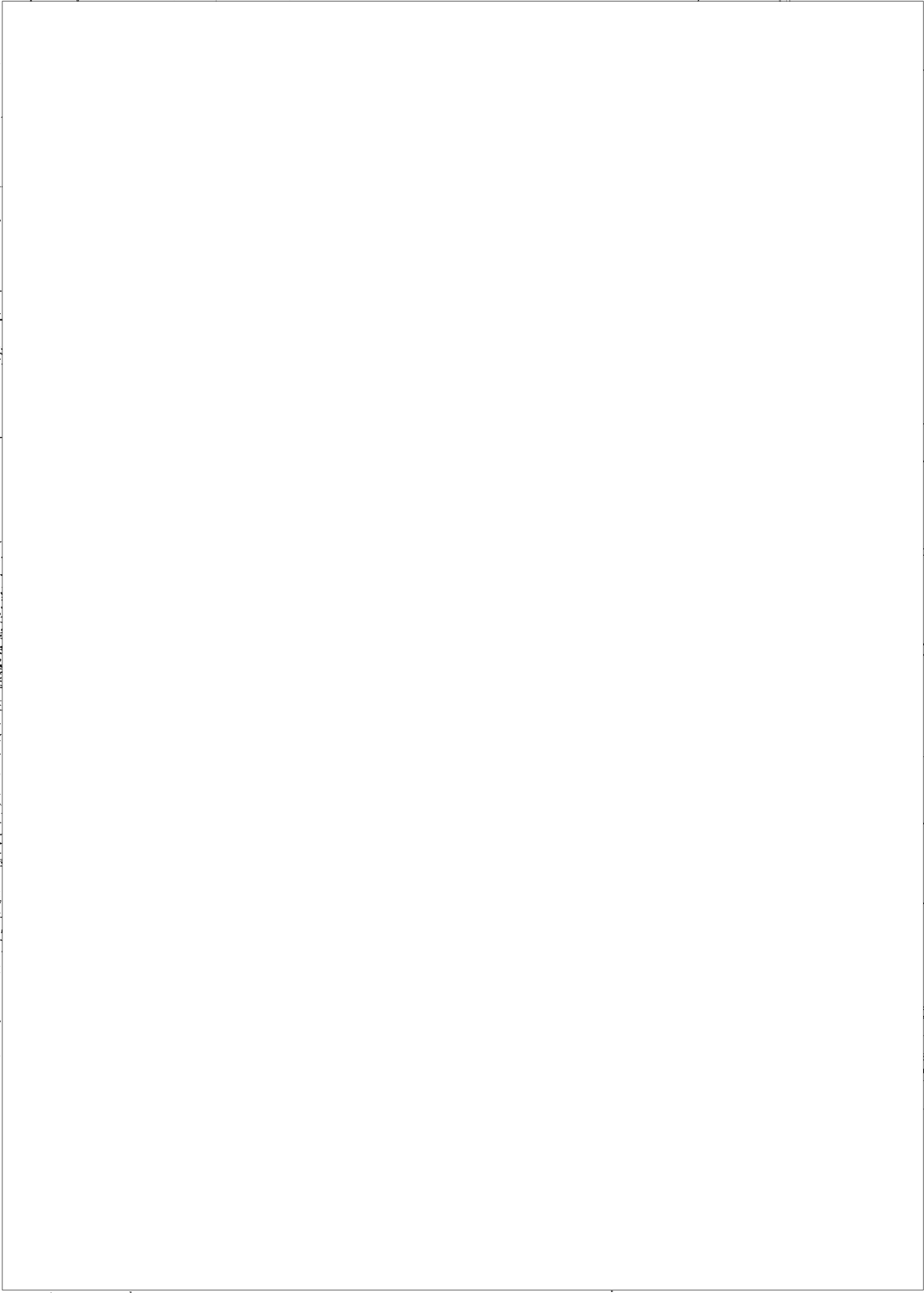
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27 Sep. '60 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
Bufile: 100-370750
Field office: 100-21198

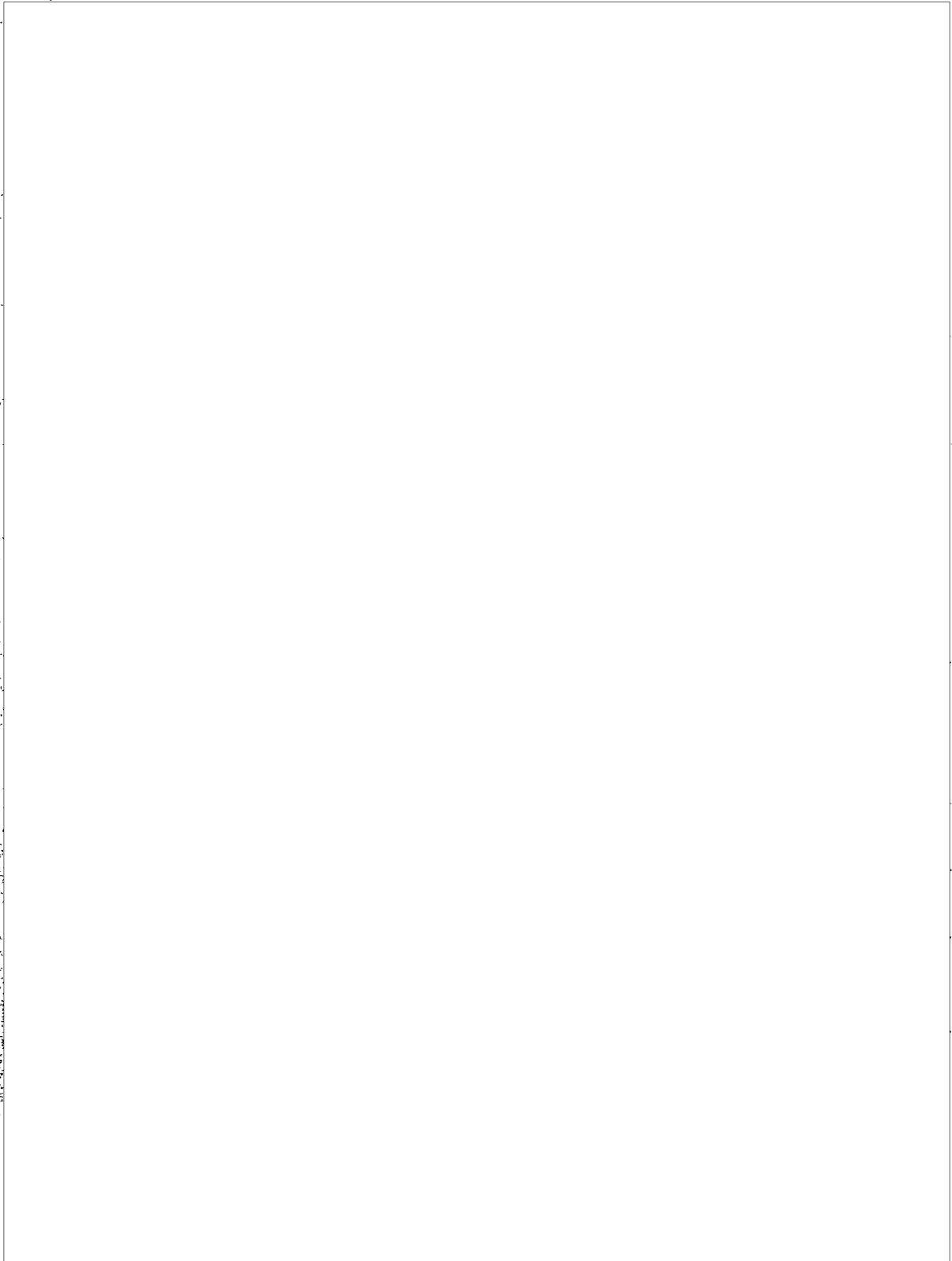
FBI doc.
28 Oct. '60 (Seattle)
RE: John Howard Lawson
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27 Sep. 1960 (Wash.)
RE: John Howard Lawson
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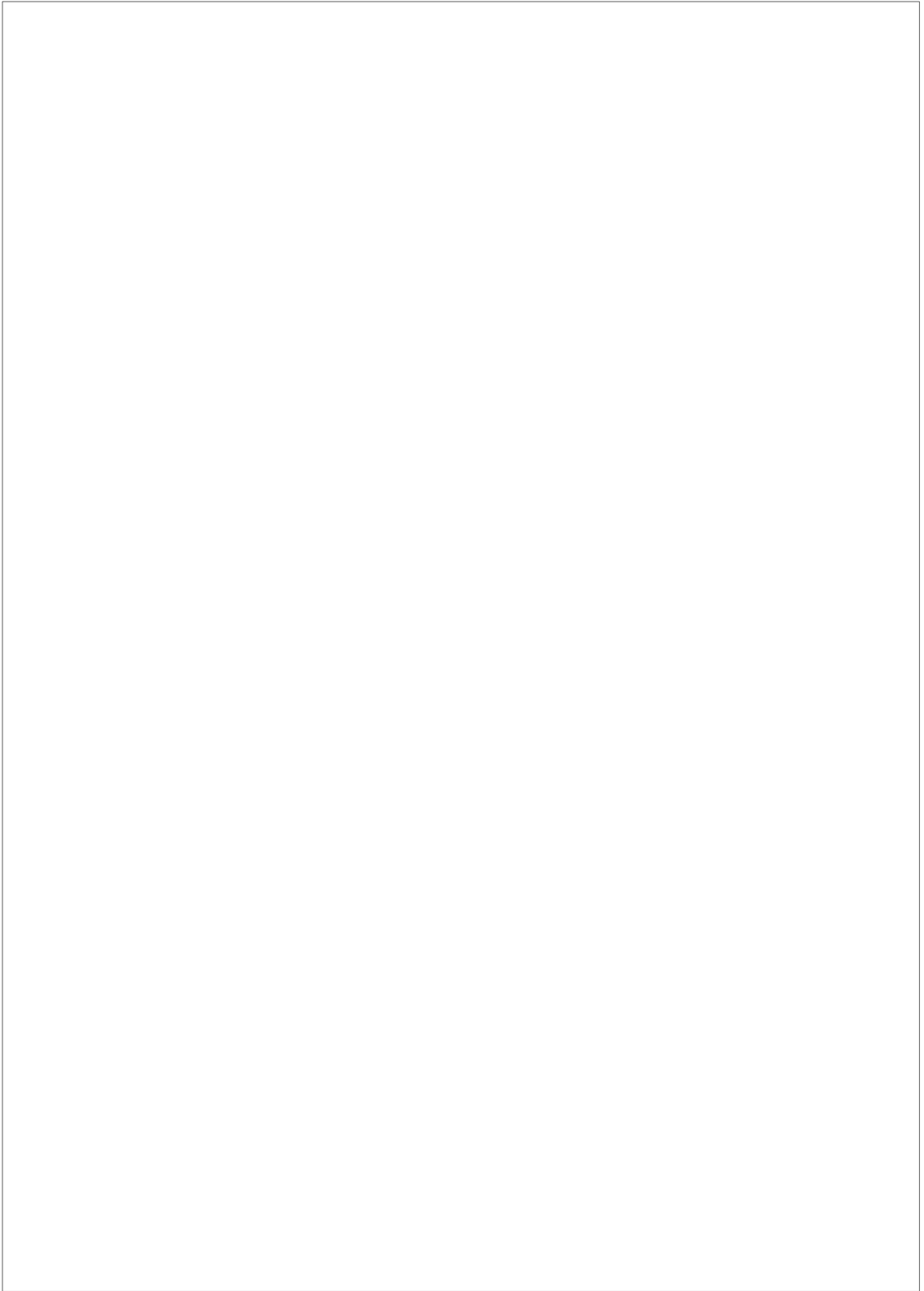
FBI doc.
23 Mar. '53 (LA)
RE: John Howard Lawson
aka: Jacob Levy, Jack Lawson, "Egg"
Bufile: 100-370750
Field office (LA): 100-21198







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RI CROSS-REFERENCE FORM

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Station number of document : Counterattack No. 95
Date of document : 18 Mar 49
Title of document : Counterattacks
Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-756
Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :
LAWSON, John Howard

P.6 #9 Identified as GP member (card no.47181) by House UN-American Activities Committee. Dalton Trumbo and John Howard LAWSON have been convicted of contempt and are appealing their jail sentences.

THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT
TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.

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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.
27 April '49
RE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
World Intellectual for Peace

FBI doc.
28 Oct. 1947
RE: LAWSON, John Howard
Old FBI Correspondence

FBI doc.
21 July '52
RE: LAWSON, John Howard
Wasserman, Ursula

FBI doc.
7 July '52
RE: Eddie Laine

FBI doc.
25 June '52
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
6 June '52
RE: FBI on Leon Sangamon Becker

FBI doc.
2 June '52
RE: Herbert Maurice Porter

FBI doc.
28 May 1952
RE: Harold Buchman

FBI doc.
28 May 1952
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.
28 May 1952
RE: Communists Activities in General

FBI doc.
30 April 1952
RE: Stuart Schulberg

FBI doc.
15 April 1952
RE: Mrs. Frances Nelson

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Station number of document : Counterattacks
Date of document : 14 Mar 52
Title of document : Counterattacks
Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-83
Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Why do CP press and the Congress plug Douglas for President? Why is a letter urging a concerted Douglas Campaign sent out to hundreds of "liberals like Lewis Mumford, who now opposes Communism though he was once a backer and leader of CP fronts including at least one that openly proclaimed its Communist revolutionary arms?

// Part of answer is in Douglas record as a Supreme Court Justice. He has dissented when Supreme Court Justice, made anti-CP decisions upholding: (a list) Contempt citations of Hollywood screen writers John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo.

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Station number of document Counterattack

Date of document 22 Feb 52

Title of document Counterattacks

Document to be filed in 100-7-31-80

Cross-reference form to be filed in 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

P.2 #4. ASHE cited the "Blockade"... "a Communist film from start to finish"... as just one example. He said he believed Clifford Odets wrote it, though John Howard LAWSON took credit for it.

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TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.**

(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.
21 March '52
RE: Stefan Heym, was Helmut Flieg

FBI doc.
12 March 1952
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.
12 May 1952
RE: Communist Activities in General

FBI doc.
4 Mar. '52
RE: Otto Nathan

FBI doc.
15 Feb. '52
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.
8 Feb. '52
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.
1 Feb. '52
RE: Communist Activities in USA

FBI doc.
1 Feb. '52
RE: Communist activities in the USA

FBI doc.
23 Jan. '52
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
14 Jan. 1952
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
26 Nov. '51
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
16 Nov. '51
RE: Communist Activities

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Station number of document Counterattacks
Date of document 16 Nov 51
Title of document Counterattack

Document to be filed in 100-7-31-69
Cross-reference form to be filed in 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Paul Robeson, Howard Fast, John Howard LAWSON, and Lester Cole were a few of the professed and identified CP members who sponsored or took part in this party demonstration with Downes and Hagen.

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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.
9 Nov. '51
RE: Darner, Hanna

FBI doc.
5 Nov. 1951
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
15 Oct. 1951
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
12 Sep. '51
RE: Communist Activities in USA

FBI doc.
10 Sept. '51
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
24 Aug. 51

RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
22 Aug. 51
RE: Communist Activities in US

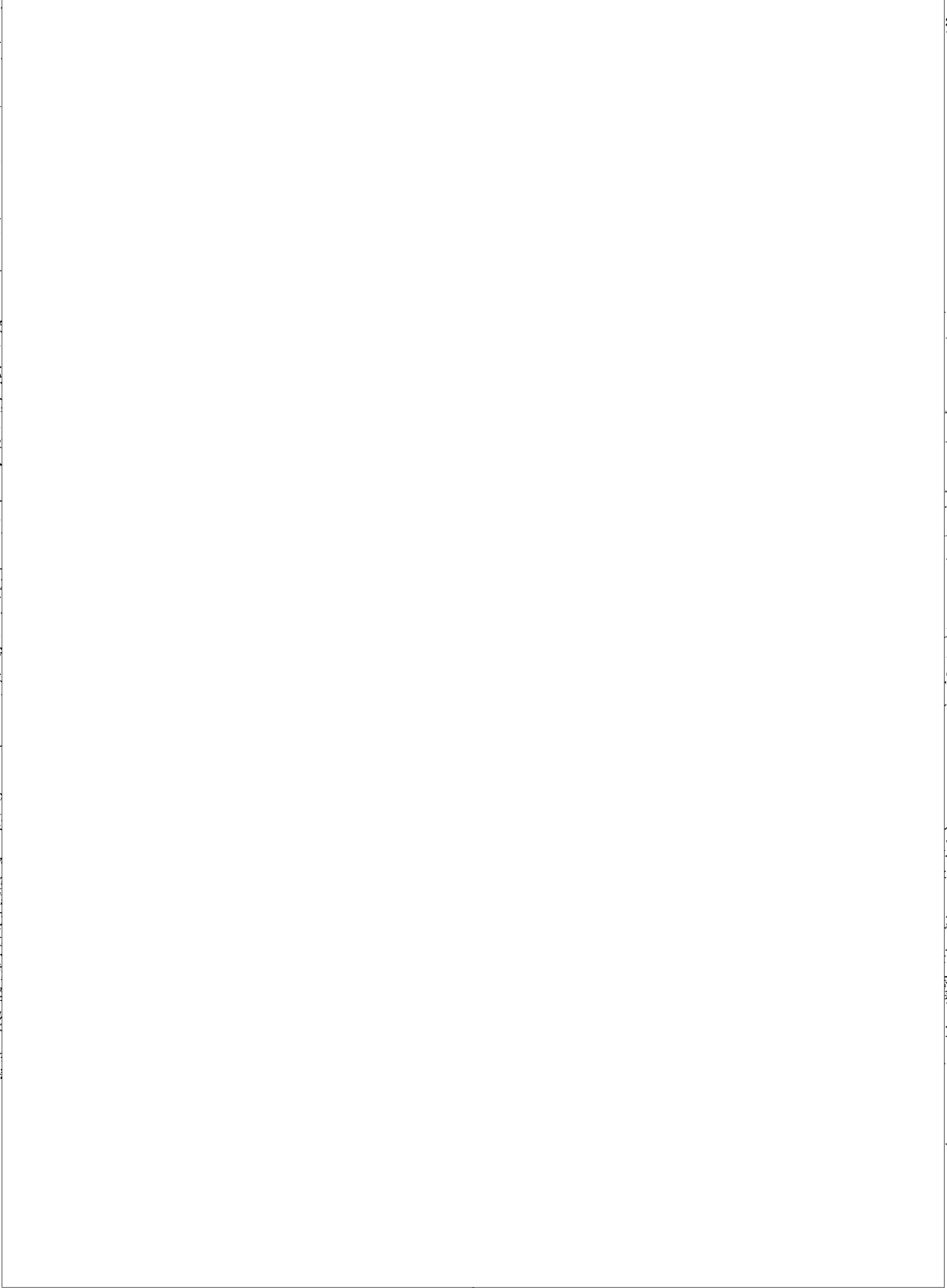
FBI doc.
9 Aug. 51
RE: FBI Information and Requests

FBI doc.
1 Aug. 51
RE: Communist Activities in USA



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10 July 1951

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FROM: Chief, Security Division, I&SO

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FORM NO. 36-8
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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.
2 Jul. '51
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
8 June 51
RE: Misha Altman

FBI doc.
24 May 1951
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.
24 May '51
RE: Communist Activities in Latin America

FBI doc.
31 Mar. '51
RE: Telepress

Dept. of State doc.
A-327
22 Mar. '51
RE: Peter Viertel, et al

FBI doc.
2 Mar. 51
RE: Peter Viertel

FBI doc.
14 Nov. '50
RE: Gustaf Gilbert

FBI doc.
15 Aug. 50
RE: Gustave Gilbert, was.

FBI doc.
27 Jul. '50
RE: Varian Russel Robert Show, was.

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Station number of document : Counterattack
Date of document : 7 Jul 50
Title of document : Counterattack
Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-25
Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :
LAWSON, John Howard

P.1 #3 John Howard LAWSON, who has since started serving a prison term for contempt of Congress, attended the meeting...and was heartened by what took place. He stated that he and his fellow convictees (CP leader Eugene Dennis, the "Hollywood Ten", members of exec board of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, etc.), as a result of the meeting expected to "get out of prison long before our terms expire."

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FBI doc.
19 Jan. '50
RE: Communist Party, USA

FBI doc.
14 June '49
RE: Mandy Lawson

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Station number of document : OCC
Date of document : 9 Jun 49
Title of document 6 : Communist Activities Among Aliens and
National Groups
Document to be filed in : 100-4-10-326y
Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LARSON, John Howard

Testimony of Louis Francis Budenz, Westwood, N.J.

P.242 Encl. 1. Index

In regard to Spain, though, the question was asked as to the party's attitude on Spain, and there you may be interested to know that the moving picture Blockade was written by John Howard LARSON under order of the political committee of the Communist party. He was the author of that production and he is one of the most noted Communists of that group of writers. So that gives the attitude on Spain, which was to employ "democratic" propoganda for the achievement of a Red Spain.

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Date of document : 5 Nov 45

Title of document :

Document to be filed in : 100-4-22-1 T/S CIA-30002

Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

John Howard Lawson

Top secret document P.25-F. in Top secret room

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Station number of document : FBI

Date of document : No. Date

Title of document : _____

Document to be filed in : 100-4-2-y T/S CIA-39000

Cross-reference form to be filed in : 01-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LANSON, John Howard

Top Secret document filed in Top Secret Room.

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