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SUMMARY REPORT

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JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, a playwright and screen writer by profession, is a United States citizen by virtue of his birth in New York City September 25, 1894. On October 27, 1947 LAWSON appeared as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington D. C. where he refused to answer all questions concerning the Communist Party and as a result he was later voted a contempt citation by the United States Congress. He was subsequently indicted and convicted for contempt of Congress. His conviction was sustained on appeal and upon the United States Supreme Court's refusal to grant certiorari, he was incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution at Ashland, Kentucky from June 9, 1950 to April 9, 1951. Subsequent to his release from incarceration, LAWSON has resided at 9354 Burnet Avenue, San Fernando, California, however he makes periodic trips to New York City. LAWSON derives his livelihood from lectures given under the auspices of the Hollywood ASP which are based on his published book "The Hidden Heritage" and his forthcoming book on the culture of the United States. LAWSON was identified as a Communist Party member by the sworn testimony of fifteen witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Informants have advised that subject

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T-1: DAVID KLEIN, 3485 Wonderview Dr., Hollywood	LAWSON's employment and residence	4/7/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK	Orally
		7/16/51	" " "	"
		2/10/53	ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR.	"
T-2: IA-3512-S	6/21,22/52	6/16/52	BERNARR M. PTACEK	100-21198-795
	8/3/51	8/6/51	" " "	66-3289A-63
	8/17/51	8/21/51	" " "	66-3289A-73
	8/30/51	9/7/51	" " "	66-3289A-92
	September and October, 1951	10/27/51	" " "	66-3289A-114
	1/30/52	2/4/52	" " "	66-3289A-166
	2/5/52	2/11/52	" " "	66-3289A-171
	2/7/52	2/11/52	" " "	66-3289A-171
	2/20/52	2/23/52	" " "	66-3289A-173
	2/4/52	2/11/52	" " "	66-3289A-170
	3/7/52	6/4/52	" " "	66-3289A-224
	4/9/52	6/4/52	" " "	66-3289A-224
	4/5/52	5/15/52	" " "	100-21198-781
	5/7/52	6/4/52	" " "	66-3289A-224
	6/14/52	6/16/52	" " "	66-3289A-239
	7/10/52	7/14/52	" " "	66-3289A-252

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T-2 (cont.)	8/6/52	9/12/52	BERNARR M. PTACEK	66-3289A-279
	9/11/52	10/28/52	"	134-115A-15
	9/30/52	10/16/52	"	66-3289A-328
	11/5/52	11/10/52	"	134-115A-31
	11/25/52	11/28/52	"	134-115A-47
	1/5/53	12/8/52	"	100-21198-915
	Subject's position Vice-Chairman HASPC, 1953.	1/5/53	"	100-21198-928
	Subject's lecture series, 1952.	2/4/52	"	100-21198-742
	10/52	12/8/52	"	100-21198-917
	12/17/52	12/30/52	"	134-115A-78
T-3 MORRIS LOUIS APPLEMAN	CP membership 1930's.	3/30/49	THEODORE KIRSCHNER & JOHN P. DALY	NY 100-18130-78 (orally)
T-4 JOHN L. LEECH, Vancouver, Wash.	LAWSON's membership Cultural Commission, CP.	2/2/51	DAVID K. MITCHELSON & MACK M. CAMP	Orally
T-5 PAUL CROUCH	LAWSON's CP membership.	9/12/51	CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS	Orally
T-6 LA-3505-S	Subject's CP membership.	5/3/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
T-7 LA-3437-S	Subject's CP membership.	10/17/50	JOHN M. CASHEL	Orally

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T-8: LA-3438-S	Subject's CP membership	10/17/50	JOHN M. CASHEL	Orally
T-9: LA-3503-S	Duclos Letter	4/17/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
T-10: LA-3447-S	Subject's CP membership 1944	12/4/50	ROBERT F. RYAN	100-1763-1B38
T-11: JOHN ALLEN DUNKEL, Radio Writer	Subject's CP membership 1944	4/12/50	MERLE L. PARKER	Orally
T-12: EARNEST PHILLIP COHEN, Psychologist, Beverly Hills, Calif.	JOHN HOWARD LAWSON activities	3/22/50 & 4/5/50	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
T-13: HERMAN VAN GELVER, former CP member, Hollywood, Calif.	LAWSON's CP membership, 1936-1937	Unable to locate	Unknown	Unable to locate
T-14: JUDITH RAYMOND, 904 N. Ogden Pl., Hollywood, Calif.	Subject's CP membership	11/26/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
T-15: HOWARD L. DIMS DALE, Publicist, 358 N. Bowling Green, West Los Angeles, Calif.	Subject's CP membership 1944-1948	9/25/51	ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR., et al.	Orally
T-16: EDWARD DMYTRYK, Screen Director, Hollywood, Calif.	Subject's CP membership, 1944 & 1945	3/8/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT, et al.	Orally

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T-17 Executive testimony of SYLVIA RICHARDS, radio and screen writer, Hollywood, Calif., before HCUA, Los Angeles, 9/12/51, furnished by W. A. WHEELER, Special Investigator, HCUA.	Subject's CP membership, 1945-1946.	9/15/51	ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR.	100-15732-1B38, p. 24
T-18 LA-3555-S	Subject's CP membership, 1943-1944.	3/31/51	JOSEPH T. JALBERT	100-21198-1A61
T-19 DAVID LANG, motion picture writer, Hollywood, Calif.	Subject's CP membership, 1942-1947.	11/7/52	MARCUS M. BRIGHT, et al	Orally
T-20 [LA-3265-S	Telegram to Attorney General of U.S. re CP leaders.	11/14/49	VERNON D. JENSEN	100-18888GG-29
	8/3/51	8/16/51	EMMETT B. DOHERTY	66-2937A-76
T-21 Bos-21-S	11/23/49	2/1/50	FREDERICK M. CONNORS	Bos 134-35A (written)
T-22 Not used.				
T-23 [NY-267-S	May Day parade 5/1/51.	Unknown	FRANK J. SMITH	NY 100-80918-99 (orally)

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T-24: LA-86-S*				
T-25: LA-3500-S	Re-admission applica- tion for M. KORNGOLD to John Reed Division, LACCP	2/28/52	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN, et al.	100-1763-1B43- 0, v.6, pp.584- 587
T-26: LA-2558-S	CRC Bail Fund, 1949	12/29/49	LAWRENCE E. WAY	100-23717- 1A108
T-27: LA-49-S*				
T-28: LA-3251-S	4/30/51	4/17/51	ROMNEY STEWART	100-23717- 1A106
	Documentary Morning Freiheit Association	3/26/52	ROMNEY STEWART	Orally
T-29: LA-3508-S	8/5/51	8/10/51	MERLE L. PARKER	66-3282A-17
T-30: LA-3513-S	8/5/51	8/16/51	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-3025A-23
	10/10/51	10/13/51	" " "	66-3025A-39
	8/3/51	8/16/51	" " "	66-3025A-22
	9/12/52	9/18/52	" " "	66-3025A-133
T-31: LA-3402-S	8/5/51	8/14/51	MERLE L. PARKER	66-1859-169
	8/6/52	8/15/52	WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, JR.	66-1859A-204
	10/22/52	11/5/52	" "	134-21A-7
	10/8/52	10/14/52	" "	134-21A-5
	11/5/52	11/18/52	" "	134-21A-13

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T-31: (cont.)	12/3/52	12/9/52	WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, JR.	134-21A-20
	9/12/52	11/5/52	" "	134-21A-7
	9/12/52	10/16/52	" "	134-21A-4
	8/27/52	9/3/52	" "	66-1859A-217
T-32: [LA-3283-S]	8/5/51	8/15/51	" "	66-2943A-30
	8/3/51	8/15/51	" "	66-2943A-29
T-33: [LA-3480-S]	8/5/51	9/21/51	ICEALIUS A. HALL	66-1997A-24
T-34: [LA-3362-S]	8/5/51	8/11/51	HARVEY G. BERKEY	66-2838A-191
T-35: [LA-3459-S]	8/5/51	8/20/51	ROBERT G. LAMB	66-1971A-21
T-36: [LA-3064-S]	8/5/51	8/28/51	EMMETT B. DOHERTY	66-2910A-53
	CP membership of SOPHIE DAVIDSON	9/4/50	VERNON D. JENSEN	100-18888B-320
T-37: LA-3417-S	8/5/51	8/28/51	MERLE L. PARKER	66-1994A-73
	10/10/51	10/31/51	PAUL W. GIBBS	66-1994A-104
T-38: LA-3184-S	8/5/51	8/15/51	WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN, JR.	66-2923A-90
	Documentation re HASPC	2/20/51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
	3/31/50	4/21/50	" " "	100-18355-749, p.2
	Documentation re Calif. Legislative Conference	3/26/52	" " "	Orally

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T-39: [LA-3436-S] (u) (C)	9/19/52	10/1/51	ICEALIUS A. HALL	66-1984A-178
	9/12/52	9/19/52	" " "	66-1984A-281
T-40: [LA-3420-S]	10/10/51	10/17/51	F. E. DAVIS	100-24345-1A94
T-41: [LA-3507-S] (u) (C)	10/10/51	10/17/51	WALTER E. HEUCKE	66-3364A-61
	9/12/52	9/18/52	WILLIAM LEE McDERMOTT	66-3364A-179
	4/27/52	5/6/52	WALTER E. HEUCKE	66-3364A-125
T-42: [LA-3537-S] (u) (C)	10/10/51	10/10/51	ROY ANDREW PETERS	66-3372A-18
	9/12/52	9/18/52	DONALD B. BOYER	66-4174A-15
T-43: [LA-3501-S] (u) (C)	10/10/51	10/15/51	PAUL W. GIBBS	66-2859A-44
	8/3/51	8/7/51	WILLIS G. WILSON	66-2859A-37
	9/12/52	9/15/52	PAUL W. GIBBS	66-2859A-127
T-44: [PH-55-S] (u) (C)	12/19/51	1/10/52	J. G. KELLY	100-21198-1A57
T-45: [LA-3536-S] (u) (C)	LAWSON's CRC membership 1951	10/1/51	KENNETH R. MERRILL	100-23717-1B31-1
T-46: LA-3457-S	8/6/52	8/19/52	BERNARR M. PTACEK	66-2226A-206
T-47: [LA-3390-S] (u) (C)	8/6/52	9/25/52	H. EDWARD WHITE	134-38A-2
	9/12/52	10/9/52	" " "	134-38A-7
T-48: [LA-3521-S] (u) (C)	8/6/52	8/19/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	66-3338A-85

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T-49 LA-3630-S	8/6/52	8/21/52	THOMAS W. CRAWFORD	66-3603A-14
	9/12/52	9/16/52	"	66-3603A-16
T-50 LA-3633-S	8/6/52	8/8/52	ROBERT W. HOUSEAL, JR.	66-4174A-1
	10/8/52	10/13/52	DONALD B. BOYER	134-195A-4
	9/12/52	9/18/52	" " "	66-4174A-179
T-51 SF-1723-S	10/19/49	1/1950	EDWIN O. RAUDSEP	SF 61-288-1B14 (2) p. 24
T-52 NY-490-S	Speaker at NCASP peace rally.	12/7/49	FRANK R. LONGO	NY 105-914-111 (written)
T-53 GENE HAGBERG, West Coast Representative magazine "Counterattack", 6404 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.	Documentation re So. Calif. Council of American-Soviet Friendship.	5/21/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK	Orally
T-54 LA-3287-S	2/5/50	2/8/50	BERNARR M. PTACEK	100-30866-41
T-55 NY-381-S	Speaker at JAFRC rally 4/12/50.	4/12/50	VICTOR A. LEMAITRE	NY 134-99-1, p. 3024 (written)

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T-56 LA-3378-S	5/23/52	6/16/52	H. EDWARD WHITE	66-2966A-41
T-57 [NY-388-S	Speaker at JAFRC rally 4/12/50.	4/12/50	EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	NY 134-99-1, p. 3024 (written) } @ 24
T-58 [SF-1828-S	3/14/52	3/18/52	WILLIAM J. HOY	SF 100-31757A-24(A)5 (written) }
	10/9/52	10/28/52	WILLIAM J. HOY	SF 134-80A-13A(11) (written)
T-59 LA-3448-S	10/5/51	10/18/51	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-1850A-44
T-60 NY-418-S	NCASP meeting 11/15/49.	11/15/50	EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	NY 62-9059-303 (written) } @ 24
T-61 NY-384-S	10/27/49 speaker at rally.	10/30/49	CHARLES E. HEINER	NY 134-82-1, p. 3740 (written)
	Speaker at JAFRC rally 4/12/50.	4/14/50	RICHARD T. CLANCY	NY 134-82-1, p. 3740 (written)
T-62 NY-507-S	Speaker at JAFRC rally 4/12/50.	4/13/50	VICTOR A. LEMAITRE	NY 134-98-1, p. 136 (written)
T-63 NY-490-S	Speaker at JAFRC rally 4/12/50.	4/12/50	FRANK R. LONGO	NY 105-914-301 (written)
	Speaker at peace rally 4/19/50.	4/19/50	FRANK R. LONGO	NY 105-914-315 (written)

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T-64 Bos-525-S	Election as Vice President ASP, 4/1950.	4/31/50	JOSEPH A. CULLEN	NY 100-93553-580 (orally)
T-65 NELSON FRANK, "NY World Telegram".	Election as Vice President 4/1950.	4/31/50	JOSEPH A. CULLEN	NY 100-93553-580 (orally)
	3/5/52	3/11/52	E. K. DEANE, et al	100-21198-1A58
T-66 LA-3289-S	8/5/49	Unknown	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
	8/3/51	8/23/51	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-2251-1A18
T-67 LA-3469-S	LAWSON's HASPC 1950 membership.	11/29/50	GEORGE D. THOMSON	100-18355-1B18-1, V.19, p.1833
T-68 [LA-3452-S	Subject's position Vice-Chairman, ASP, 1950.	1/19/51	JOHN H. DONEY, JR.	100-18355-1A130
	Subject's ASP membership, 1951.	7/26/51	" "	100-1966A-7, p. 4
T-69 PS ED R. WRIGHT	8/3/51	8/6/51	MERLE L. PARKER	66-3316A-28
T-70 [LA-3515-S	8/3/51	8/8/51	VINCENT J. ASCHERL	66-3264A-3
T-71 LA-3127-S	8/3/51	8/9/51	H. EDWARD WHITE	66-2916A-46
T-72 LA-3485-S	8/3/51	8/30/51	ROBERT BURKE	66-3081A-27

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T-73 LA-3451-S	8/3/51	8/10/51	WILLIAM J. McCAULEY	66-2134A-51
T-74 RUTH DRADER, 615 Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.	8/30/51	9/11/51	ROY ANDREW PETERS	100-21198-653
T-75 LA-86-S*				
T-76 [SF-1687-S	7/23-24/52	3/3/52	DONALD D. ROSEBERRY	SF 100-30251A-43A(16) (written)] (u)
T-77 PS ROBERT E. WITHERS, 2832 Boulder Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.	5/8/52	5/12/52	RICHARD J. STILLING	100-21198-75
T-78 ROSE LYNCH, Postmaster, U. S. Post Office Substation, Hollywood, Calif.	6/5/52	6/3/52	JOHN E. COYNE	100-18355-2602
T-79 LA-3627-S	9/27/52	10/20/52	ROYCE CARTER FULLIAM	134-200A-2
T-80 PS PATRICIA ACKERLY	10/8/52	10/14/52	THOMAS W. CRAWFORD	66-4215A-12
	9/12/52	9/16/52	"	66-4215A-6
T-81 [LA-3543-S	2/5/52	3/14/52	HARVEY G. BERKEY	66-3619A-13] (u)
	3/12/52	4/3/52	"	66-3619A-17] (u)
T-82 LA-3550-S	3/5/52	3/9/52	THOMAS W. CRAWFORD	66-3677A-17
	4/30/52	5/8/52	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-3677A-29

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T-82: (cont.)	5/7/52	5/15/52	SIDNEY M. WOLF	66-3677A-31
T-83: PS HARRY DAVID TANZER	3/19/52 3/26/52	3/29/52 3/29/52	JEROME K. CROWE " " "	66-3603A-4 66-3603A-5
T-84: PS MALCOLM M. RORTY	11/12/52 11/19/52 12/10/52 12/17/52	11/18/52 11/26/52 12/23/52 12/29/52	HAROLD P. QUINN " " " " " " " " "	134-272A-1 134-272A-2 134-272A-4 134-272A-5
T-85: [LA-3606-S] (u) (C)	[Pamphlet entitled "Let's Not Have a Dreyfus Case in America"]	12/3/52	MALCOLM M. RINK	100-4164A-1A (u) (C)
T-86: LA-3463-S	9/12/52	9/19/52	ROMNEY STEWART	66-3023A-107
T-87: PS HELEN A. LEWIS	9/12/52	9/18/52	BURL P. MIDDENDORF	66-4179A-5
T-88: Dr. WILLIAM N. WILSON, 1973 Minora Dr., Altadena, Calif.	9/12/52 9/1/51	9/16/52 9/5/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK " " "	66-3591A-6 66-3591
T-89: [LA-3423-S] (u) (C)	[9/12/52]	9/22/52	VINCENT T.K. STACEY	66-2040A-131 (u) (C)
T-90: LA-3424-S	9/12/52	9/22/52	" " "	66-2040A-131
T-91: LA-3582-S	9/12/52	9/12/52	JOSEPH O. SMITH	100-41648-1A

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