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JOHN HOWARD LAWSON resides at 9354 Burnet Avenue, San Fernando, California. He is currently presenting a series of seven weekly lectures based on his book, The Hidden Heritage, under the auspices of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council at Los Angeles. Eight witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee in Los Angeles in September of 1951 identified LAWSON as having been a member of the Communist Party in Hollywood. Two former members of the Los Angeles County Communist Party advised that LAWSON was the leader of the Hollywood Communists and a member of the Communist Party in Hollywood as late as 1949. LAWSON lectured before the San Francisco, California, Labor School on March 14, 1952, and has spoken before or otherwise participated in functions of

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Inasmuch as JOHN HOWARD LAWSON apparently divides his time to a certain extent between Los Angeles and New York City, a copy of this report is being designated for the information of the New York Office.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California:

Will continue to follow and report the subject's Communist activities in the Los Angeles area.

Informants:

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| T-1 [ SF 1828-S              |                         | 3/14/52                   | San Francisco Office               | (C)(U)  |
| T-2 [ LA 3480-S              | 8/5/51                  | 9/22/51                   | ICEALIUS A. HALL                   | 66-1997A-24<br>(written report) (C)(U)                                    |
| T-3 [ LA 3436-S              | 8/17/51                 | 9/15/51                   | ICEALIUS A. HALL                   | 66-1984A-171<br>(written report)  |
|                              | 9/19/51                 | 10/1/51                   | ICEALIUS A. HALL                   | 66-1984A-178<br>(written report)  |
| T-4 [ LA 3265-S              | 10/2/51                 | 10/17/51                  | THOMAS E. DYAR                     | 66-2937A-101<br>(written report) (C)(U)                                   |
| T-5 [ LA 3507-S              | 10/17/51                |                           | WALTER E. HEUCKE                   | 66-3364A-61<br>(written report)   |
| T-6 [ LA 3448-S              | 10/5/51                 | 10/8/51                   | SIDNEY M. WOLF                     | 66-1850A-44<br>(written report)   |
| T-7 [ LA 2954-S              | 11/15/51                |                           | H. RAWLINS OVER-TON                | (orally) (C)(U)   |
| T-8 [ LA 3512-S              | 9/1/51                  | 9/4/51                    | BERNARR M. PTACEK                  | 66-3289A-90<br>(written report)   |
|                              |                         | 2/4/52                    | BERNARR M. PTACEK                  | 100-21198-742<br>(pamphlet concerning JOHN HOWARD LAWSON lecture series.) |

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| T-9 LA 3184-S  | 9/1/51                  | 9/13/51<br>2/20/51             | WILLIAM J. NOLAN<br>MARCUS M. BRIGHT | 66-2923A-120<br>(written report)<br>(orally) |
| T-10 WILLIAM LADD, Assistant Cashier, Bank of America, 4th and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California - |                         | 10/30/51                       | W. NATHAN PRO-VINSE                  | 100-37995-1A                                 |
| T-11 [LA 3522-S  | 8/17/51                 | 8/21/51                        | IRVING T. WEEKS                      | 66-3109-A-52<br>(written report) (u)         |
| T-12 LA 86-S*  |                         | 10/11/51                       |                                      |  |
| T-13 [SF 1687-S  | 2/23, 24/<br>52         | 2/25/52                        | San Francisco Office                 | (by report) (u)                              |
| T-14 DAVID KLEIN, 3485 Wonderview Drive, Los Angeles, California -                                       |                         | 10/18/51<br>1/30/52<br>3/28/52 | ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR.            | (orally)                                     |
| T-15 HOWARD L. DIMSDALE, 358 North Bowling Green, West Los Angeles, California -                         |                         | 9/25/52                        | IRVING T. WEEKS et.al.               | (orally)                                     |
| T-16 ISOBELL LENNART, 28060 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu Beach, California -                            |                         | 12/14/51                       | ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR. (et.al)    | (orally)                                     |
| T-17 JUDITH RAYMOND, 904 North Ogden Place, Hollywood, California -                                      |                         | 11/26/51                       | MARCUS M. BRIGHT                     | (orally)                                     |

Reference:

Report of SA BERNARR M. PTACEK dated September 24, 1951, at Los Angeles, California, and  
Report of SA FRANCIS J. SANDIN dated February 20, 1952, at New York.

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