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SYNOPSIS: *yes NB* DECLASSIFIED BY *5668-SD/nd* ON *6-29-95 (JFK)*

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T-3 reports LAWSON was one of several Hollywood people who helped GERHARDT EISLER, Comintern Agent, raise funds during the late 1930's to finance Communist Parties in Europe. Film writer MARTIN BERKELEY and wife, KAY, both former Communist Party members, recall subject as a fellow member of a Communist Party writer's branch in Hollywood in 1938. JOHN A. DUNKEL, writer and one-time member of Communist Party Radio Branch, Hollywood, in 1944, recalls LAWSON as one of Communist Party's top figures in Hollywood at that time. Subject has also been identified as a Communist Party member during the 1940's by T-2 as well as ROBERT ROSSEN and WILLIAM L. ALLAND, former film writers and Communist Party members. Subject continues to be important figure in Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council where he is a Vice-Chairman and member of its "Steering Committee." His activities in this and other pro-Communist groups in recent months set out.

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JOHN HOWARD LAWSON is on both the Security Index and the Key Figure list of the Los Angeles Office and in view of his continued activity in Communist-influenced or controlled organizations in the Los Angeles area, particularly the Hollywood ASP, it is recommended that this status be retained at this time.

The foregoing report is being made a supplemental summary at this time in the interest of avoiding duplicating almost entirely the reporting of material contained herein in the next summary due.

Informants:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date and/or Description of Activity</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 CSLA CD-86*	Residence & ASP "steering Committee"	12/23/53		
T-2	Photostatic copy of executive statement of film writer ROLAND W. KIBBEE given to WILLIAM WHEELER of HCUA on June 2, 1953, furnished by Washington Field to Los Angeles by letter dated 10/5/53			66-1664-1B19 100-21198-1174
T-3	Memo dated 2/19/53 entitled "Report of Communist Penetration of U. S. Government During Thirties," enclosing copy of a study prepared by a confidential source (MAURICE) who was in the U. S. between 1928 and 1938 by a Soviet Agent. Forwarded to Los Angeles by Bureau by routing slip dated 11/7/53			100-21198-1173
T-4 LA 3265-S	1/30/54	2/2/54	THOMAS E. DYAR	134-76B-53 134-76A-147
T-5 LA 3512-S	ASP activity	12/11/53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-334-5
	ASP activity	10/30/53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-313
	ASP activity	11/10/53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-325
	ASP activity	11/18/53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-328
	Residence and employment	4/1/53	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally

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T-6 HAZEL E. VALBY, Panel Informant	Residence and employment	12/24/53	JOHN E.GALLAGHER JR.	134-531A-10
	Residence and	11/16/53	JOHN E.GALLAGHER JR.	134-531A-3
T-7 CS SF 2059-S	8/53	10/15/53	JAMES A.NYE, S.F.	SF 134-574- 1B1,1B2 LA 100-21198- 1172
T-8 LA 3522-S	ARI	1/6/54	MAX H. FISCHER	134-106A-104 ](X)u
T-9 LA 3402-S	ARI	1/13/54	CLAUDE E.WILLIS	134-21B-219 ](X)u
T-10 LA CD-63*	ASP Rally	11/20/53		
T-11 U.S.Embassy Moscow	1/54 Moscow, 2/11/54	(Photostatic copy of news from Embassy, dated 1/12/54, forwarded by Bureau - LA file 100-21198-1256		
T-12 CS LA 3776-S	LAWSON's latest book	2/54	MARCUS M.BRIGHT	134-210A; 100- 44774
T-13 CS NY 425-S	"Daily Worker" subscription	10/23/53	M.J.BARRETT,etal.	100-21198-1a63, 1a64
T-14 CSLA 3761-S	DPW	8/13/53	WILBERT H.KEHE	SF 61-369-1B(6) ](X)u LA 97-16-6004
T-15 CSLA 3184-S	Thumbnail ASP	2/20/51	MARCUS M.BRIGHT	100-18355
T-16 CSLA3200-S	5/47	5/29/47	MARCUS M.BRIGHT etal.	100-23933-A1 ](X)u

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