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FRANK TUTTLE and ROBERT ROSSEN, film directors and former members of the CP, both have identified LAWSON as a fellow member of the CP in Hollywood during 1940's. LAWSON continues to be a very important figure and Executive Board member of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council, local chapter of National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was present at an all-day conference against Brownell-Butler bill sponsored by Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms on 12/4/54 at Los Angeles. He has been recipient of a "Certificate of Recognition" from Civil Rights Congress and a reception was held in his honor on 11/5/54 for benefit of Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, of which he is reported to be a sponsor. LAWSON stated that people in United States "are tired of the hysteria of the Red menace" and referred to the United States Government as fascist. In January, 1954, issue of the Soviet publication "Literary Gazette" LAWSON was one of ten Americans listed as expressing friendship for the U.S.S.R.

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LAWSON is the subject of a Security Index Card at Los Angeles tabbed for Detcom and the SI data is both current and accurate.

In view of his continued importance in the HASP organization and his interest in other pro-Communist groups, it is recommended that this SI and Key Figure status be retained at this time.

LAWSON's wife, SUE LAWSON, is currently the subject of an SI Card at Los Angeles (Bufile 100-390999).

LAWSON has been personally observed by an agent and a photograph of him is available in the file.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed herein and "T" symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Activ. and/or Descrip. of Info.</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furn.</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1, CS LA-3803-S*		1/19/55 3/17/55		
T-2, LA-3512-S	ASP Bd. mtg., 3/24/55	4/4/55	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Oral
	HASP Bd. mtg., 11/18/54	11/22/54	IRVING T. WEEKS	134-115A-528
	HASP Steering Committee mtg., 1/18/55	1/24/55	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	134-115A-242
	CRC certificate	12/14/55	"	100-21198-1A

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T-2 (Cont.)	Thumbnail HASP	5/5/54	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Oral
	Residence & occupation	4/4/55	"	"
T-3, LA-3402-S	9/3/54	9/3/54	CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.	134-21A-302
T-4, LA-3536-S	12/4/54	1/4/55	IRVING T. WEEKS	134-141A-313
T-5, LA-3684-S	11/5/54	11/12/54	ROYCE CARTER PULLIAM	134-275A-278
T-6, Foreign Service Dispatch No. 237 from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 1/12/54 to State Dept.	"Literary Gazette"	1/11/55		NY 100-80918-146; LA 100-21198-1396
T-7, CS LA-3184-S	Thumbnail CCPAF	5/6/54	MAX H. FISCHER	100-41016
T-8, LA-3473-S	Thumbnail LACFPB	5/18/54	JOHN E. GALLAGHER, JR.	100-1783
ROBERT ROSSEN, Film Director-Producer	Subj.'s past CP affiliation	5/7/53	HCUA testimony	NY 100-80918-146; LA 100-21198-1396
FRANK TUTTLE, Film Director, 312 South Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills	Subj.'s past CP affiliation	7/12/54	ELLIOTT W. AMON, et al	100-21198-1380

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