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LA 3932-S orally advised SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD 8/3/60 that at a section meeting Professional-Cultural Section, Southern California District, Communist Party, on 8/2/60, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, Hollywood film writer and one of the "Hollywood Ten", stated that he had a written invitation from an official of the Cuban government in charge of the film industry at Havana named ESPINOZA (ph) to come to Cuba because his professional services were needed, "to come soon, and stay long", because LAWSON's work was well known to Cuban authorities and his help was needed at this time on a paid basis. (X)u

Source advised that LAWSON had earlier volunteered his services to the new government in Cuba. LAWSON does not plan to go to Cuba at once but will suggest to Cuban film officials that he initiate a one week survey of the Cuban film industry with the prospect of a 3 to 6 month stay in that country in advisory capacity, to result in a proposed program for the Cuban film industry. (X)u

LAWSON also indicated he has plans thereafter for a lengthy visit in Czechoslovakia, presumably in professional film and other cultural pursuits. (X)u

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