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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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Re: JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, was.
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my teletype dated March 19, 1946, in which the Bureau was advised that CNDI IA JO-1 has been reemployed and this letter is to advise you of the progress of this informant from that date until May 1, 1946. (C)

W. H. Harvey

According to this informant LAWSON has been unusually busy rewriting a script for WALTER WANCER inasmuch as the production date has been set up. It appears that LAWSON retains his position of leadership in the Communist movement in the motion picture industry. This informant has reported that LAWSON is still consulted regarding the policies and programs of such Communist front organizations as the People's Educational Center and the Hollywood Writers' Mobilization. (C) (u)

On March 28, 1946, informant reported that an unidentified woman contacted LAWSON and enlisted his support for RUBEN BOROUGH, candidate for Congress from the 20th Congressional District, and LAWSON agreed to see NED SPARKS, President of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, and secure through SPARKS the support of the CIO. (C) (u)

This informant has also disclosed that LAWSON has suggested to PAULINE LAUBER, Communist and Executive Secretary of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, that this organization send a message to the Soviet Film Industries asking that more Russian pictures be shown in this country. According to this informant, LAWSON has also discussed with LAUBER the possibilities of arousing a real interest in the Negro movement based upon the national publicity which the National Negro Congress which will be held in Detroit on May 30, will attract. (C) (u)

On March 28, 1946, this informant advised that LAWSON would attend a meeting at the home of NORA HELLGREN, 7201 Mansfield, to work with a "Committee on American - Soviet Relations" and meet with two Russian foreign correspondents who are presently in Los Angeles. HELLGREN is a Comrap suspect and this information enabled Agents of the office to cover this meeting at which time several other Communists were present who had been identified. (C) (u)

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