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PURPOSE:

To advise you of statements made by captioned subject before a "Conference Organizing Committee" of a "conference to strengthen American-Soviet relations" held at Los Angeles on February 5, 1950.

BACKGROUND:

As you know John Howard Lawson has been a long-time leader of Communist activities in the Hollywood area. He is one of the "Hollywood Ten" and has been convicted for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947. His case has been under appeal to the Supreme Court, however, the Supreme Court, on April 10, 1950, refused to review the case. He is considered a key figure in the Los Angeles Division and our investigation of him continues.

Los Angeles has advised that on February 5, 1950, a "Conference Organizing Committee" held a "call to a conference to strengthen American-Soviet relations" at Parkview Manor in Los Angeles, on February 5, 1950. This meeting has been reported as having resulted in the formation of the "Southern California Council of American-Soviet Friendship."

LA-3287, a paid and reliable informant, advised that subject spoke at this conference. Among the statements made by Lawson were the following: He said that American Imperialism started in 1918 and that William C. Bullitt was in that year sent to Russia. He stated that it was worthwhile for everyone to read United States Diplomatic Correspondence of 1918 entitled "Russia" wherein one could find such correspondence as "Russia is in the hands of a few men --mostly Jews," signed Winston Churchill. In the same correspondence Hoover wrote to Wilson in 1919, "The time has arrived for us to analyze Bolshevism, being formulated by the Jews." Lawson said the forces of evil, around J. Edgar Hoover brought the Palmer Raids and terror reigned across the land. He said that the die which was cast has not changed very much as there are still two men reigning terror across the land and both names are Hoover -- Herbert Hoover and J. Edgar Hoover, doing hatchet jobs on people's rights. He said J. Edgar Hoover was an apprentice in 1919 but now he is a full seasoned hatchet man.

The above is recorded to you for your information in view of Lawson's statements concerning you. This was included in a Los Angeles investigative report on Lawson submitted by Los Angeles. Attached herewith is a letter to Los Angeles pointing out that such information should be submitted to the Bureau promptly by more expeditious means.

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