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### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On June 9, 1950, Federal Judge EDWARD CURRAN, United States District Court of the District of Columbia, sentenced the subject to serve one year in jail and pay a fine of \$1000 on his conviction of contempt of Congress. Subject is now incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute, Ashland, Kentucky, where he will serve his sentence. A confidential informant, formerly a COMMUNIST PARTY member in Hollywood, said that the subject was leader of the COMMUNIST PARTY movement in Hollywood. Still another informant, who was a COMMUNIST PARTY member in Hollywood, described LAWSON as the "great white father" of the Communist movement in Hollywood. He stated that LAWSON deals directly with the National COMMUNIST PARTY Headquarters in New York rather than with the Los Angeles County COMMUNIST PARTY Office. "Committee to free the ten" is now active in Hollywood. LAWSON's newest literary effort is entitled "HIDDEN HERITAGE". About this book, LAWSON says, "It is a large, crowded, loving, and angry book. It is about the whole heritage of culture that is threatened by the knavish politicians and pettifogging lawyers, who want to rewrite history in the image of their own corruption. It may be the book will be published while I'm in jail. The enemies of the people think they can imprison ideas by putting people behind bars. The book is an answer." Disposition Sheet enclosed.

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[CNDI LA 2954, who so advised SA MERLE R. ADAMS in January, 1949.] (R)(u)

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CNDI LA 3234, who so advised SA LESLIE F. WARREN on August 2, 1949.

T-3

ERNEST PHILIP COHEN, Beverly Professional Building, Beverly Hills, California, who so advised SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT on April 22, 1950.

T-4

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, New York City, who so advised SA WILLIAM J. McCARTHY of the New York Office on April 4, 1950, and June 23, 1950.

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CNDI LA 3404, who so advised SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT on July 26, 1950.

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[SF 1723, who furnished information to Special Agents of the San Francisco Office in January, 1950.] (R)(u)

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[SF 1696, who so advised SA R. J. McMULLEN of the San Francisco Office on November 9, 1949.] (R)(u)

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CNDI LA 3103, who so advised SA MERLE L. PARKER on May 8, 1950.

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[CNDI LA 3265, who so advised SA VERNON D. JENSEN on April 10, 1949.] (R)(u)

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CNDI LA 3251, who so advised SA ROMNEY STEWART on June 30, 1950.

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CNDI LA 3379, who so advised SA IRVING T. WEEKS on June 29, 1950.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA BERNARR M. PTACEK dated May 17, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

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