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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON was released from the Federal Correctional Institute in Ashland, Kentucky on April 9, 1951. He immediately went to Brooklyn, New York where he remained until July 15, 1951 when he returned to his home at 9354 Burnet Avenue, San Fernando, California. He is self-employed as a writer. A number of sources herein quoted have identified the subject as a leader in the Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry and of the Communist Cultural Movement in Hollywood. During the Spring, 1951 hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, witnesses named the subject as an important Communist in the motion picture industry. In an Arts, Sciences and Professions sponsored "Welcome Home" meeting on August 3, 1951, LAWSON made reference to the recent arrests of the California Communists. He said, "There is not the slightest doubt that in the course of history, these people who are now behind bars in a Los Angeles Jail will be remembered among the patriots with pride, and their names will be recited with pride by school children when the names of McGOUEYS, McGRATHS, the MEDINAS, the HOOVERS, and the CARTERS, and all the rest of them have been consigned to the ash pit of history where they belong." At a reception for ABRAHAM ISSERMAN, Attorney in the Foley Square Trials, LAWSON said, "We must fight for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence 'by any means'." In his book "THE HIDDEN HERITAGE" LAWSON states that in a large part of the world

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|----------|--|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | DAVID KLEIN, 3485 Wonderview Dr. Los Angeles, Calif. | 1/10/51 4/7/51 7/16/51 8/21/51 9/5/51 | 4/9/51 7/15/51 Oct. 1951 | BERNARR M. PTACEK " |
| 2 | CNDI LA 3437 | 10/17/50 | 1939 1940 | ROMNEY STEWART |
| 3 | CS LA 3504 | 4/24/51 | 1944 | JOHN M. CASHEL |
| 4 | CS LA 3505 | 5/3/51 | 1940-1947 | MARCUS M. BRIGHT |
| 5 | CS LA 3503 | 4/17/51 7/12/51 4/17/51 | 1942-1948 1943 1947 | MARCUS M. BRIGHT " " |
| 6 | EDWARD DMYTRYK Screen Director | 3/8/51 | 1944 | BERNARR M. PTACEK |
| 7 | CS LA 3502 | 3/22/51 | 1942-1948 | IRVING T. WEEKS |
| 8 | [NYC 426 | 4/18/51 | | |
| 9 | CNDI LA 3457 | 5/5/51 | 4/28/51 | BERNARR M. PTACEK |
| 10 | [CNDI LA 3496 | 5/31/51 | | KENNETH R. MERRILL |
| 11 | CNDI LA 3404 | 7/12/51 5/24/51 3/30/51 2/14/51 6/26/50 | 1940 1937 | MARCUS M. BRIGHT MARCUS M. BRIGHT BERNARR M. PTACEK MARCUS M. BRIGHT MARCUS M. BRIGHT |
| 12 | CNDI LA 3437 | 5/8/51 | | ROMNEY STEWART |
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| 14 | FRANCHOT TONE Movie actor 8743 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. | 4/2/51 | 1928 | GILMER G. ROBINSON |
| 15 | STERLING HAYDEN Screen Actor | 3/14/51 | 1946 | JOHN M. CASHEL |
| 16 | BUCKY HARRIS Publicity Director Screen Actors Guild | 2/5/51 | | PHILIP J. REILLY |
| 17 | Mr. DORE SCHARY Managing Director MGM Studios Culver City, Calif. | 12/12/50 | | SAC, R. B. HOOD |
| 18 | WILLIAM FRANK BLOWITZ Screen Publicist 4573 Willis Ave. Sherman Oaks, Calif. | 8/29/51 | 1945 | BERNARR M. PTACEK |
| 19 | Dr. D. VAN H. LABBERTON 205 Foothill Road Ojai, California | 2/5/51 | | PAUL LUTHER |
| 20 | CNDI LA CD 86 | 8/23/51 | | SE GERALD E. ROSS |
| 21 | CS LA 3184 | 2/20/51 | 1951 | MARCUS M. BRIGHT |
| 22 | CNDI LA 3379 | 1/5/51 | | IRBING T. WEEKS |
| 23 | CNDI LA 3452 | 1/19/51 | | JOHN H. DONEY, JR. |
| 24 | CNDI LA 3512 | 7/22/51 7/23/51 8/16/51 9/4/51 9/7/51 8/21/51 | 7/18/51 " " 9/1/51 9/30/51 8/17/51 | BERNARR M. PTACEK " " " " |

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| 25 | CNDI SF 1495 | | Feb., 1949 | |
| 26 | Dr. WM NATHAN WILSON 1973 Minoru Drive Altadena, Calif. | 9/4/51 | 9/1/51 | BERNARR M. PTACEK |
| 27 | CNDI LA 3341 | 9/5/51 | | BERNARR M. PTACEK |
| 28 | [CNDI LA 2954 | 1/19/49 | | GARY SAWTELLE] |
| 29 | [CNDI LA 3497 | 2/12/51 | | WILBERT H. KEHE] |
| 30 | [CNDI LA 3200 | May, 1947 | | BERNARR M. PTACEK] |

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One copy of this report is being sent to the New York Office because of the importance of the subject in the Communist movement of the United States.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report subject's Communist activities in the Los Angeles area.

REFERENCE: Report of SA BERNARR M. PTACEK at Los Angeles dated September 7, 1950.

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