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Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 4/19/62.

On 4/30 and 5/1/62, contact was had with LA 3402-S,
who is a close and personal acquaintance of JOHN HOWARD
LAWSON and his wife SUE. Informant advised SA MARCUS M.
BRIGHT that the LAWSONs have been living a "hand to mouth"
existence for the past several years. LAWSON has a number
of outstanding debts, particularly a heavy mortgage on his
house; and his married son has in the recent past been a
partial dependent. (S) (u)

LAWSON has confided to informant that his writings
have brought him very little financially in past years; that
the last funds he received from writing was for a film story
he did as co-writer and sold to a British film producing
company a few years ago, name not specifically mentioned.
However, LAWSON received comparatively nominal amount for
his writing efforts along with his writing partner and both
had to sue the producer for their money, the majority of
which went to the attorneys. (S) (u)

Before the LAWSONs left on their extended one year
European trip in May, 1961, they owed the dress maker
approximately \$150 for clothes made for Mrs. LAWSON. They
had been paying this only to an extent of \$5.00 to \$10.00
at a time and when they departed in May, of last year,
LAWSON paid it down to \$70.00 before he left, leaving a
balance of approximately that amount. (S) (u)

Mrs. LAWSON confided to informant about a year
ago that only the nominal money LAWSON received from his
lectures kept them going. (S) (u)

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