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Hawson, John Howard 201-5,603

A review of this file indicates that it is very old with documents dating back to 1946. There is no 201 file opening sheet in the file. Most of the documents in the file are third agency documents primarily from the FBI.

^{Reported} - TMAW-1794
Background (from 27 July 1951 ^{Report} ~~Report~~ Chief, WH to COS, Mexico City)

DPOB: 25 September, 1894 (or 1895) in New York City or Long Island

Hawson was a motion picture writer in Hollywood who reportedly had been a member of the Communist Party since 1934. He was allegedly one of the most important persons in the Communist movement in Hollywood in the late 1930's. Hawson served a 1-year sentence from 1950-51 for contempt of Congress for refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Oct, 1947.

The file indicates that:

- 1) Hawson planned to travel in Eastern Europe for approximately 1 year beginning in May 1961.
- 2) the Cuban Institute of Motion Picture Arts & Industry expressed an interest, during 1961, in having Hawson as a traveler & film writer. Correspondence was arranged through:

Sofia Harro de VELASCO, Patrio Sanz 36, Departamento 6, Mexico 12, D.F., Mexico and Luisa PROENZA Proenza (201-291531), at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

The file does not state exactly when Hawson went to the USSR. Information from an FBI Report on Hawson dated 18 Dec:61 indicates that Hawson is in a sanatorium near Moscow & plans to remain in Soviet Union for about 8 months after his release - to work with movie industry.

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A copy of an index card re Lawson bears notation:

074-006-676/63

SX-05230

28 Nov. 63

Card indicates that Lawson is a "occ. cinema script writer" & is residing in Moscow as of 1963.

File Title: John Lawson Room Documents

Report No. 51 dated 28 Nov. 63 reports info. re Lawson in Moscow from a source, "VIADUCT". Source describes Lawson's attitude & treatment in Moscow; also states that Lawson has now returned to U.S.

File Title: Lawson, John Howard Room Documents

Contains only reports in which Lawson is mentioned.

No ~~other~~ indication appears of any CIA contact w/ Lawson following his return from the USSR.

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November 7, 1978

Frank, Richard Cyril House Documents

Lead indicator refers to 201-191098 (Susan Heiligman Frank)

R.C. Frank has no separate 201 file.

A 28 Oct. 71 memo lists R.C. Frank as having traveled to China in 1971.

Also contains a 20 Sept. 71 document from Dept. of State (unopened)

One other file is only third agency documents.

There is no indication here that Richard Frank ever traveled to the Soviet Union.

Machine listing ("Expanded Computer List of U.S. Persons Defecting to USSR During 1958-1963") indicates that Frank:

- Arrived in Prague ca. 5 Dec. 59; planned to depart ca. 16 June 60.
- Resided in Peking to study puppet film techniques June 1960-May 1961.
- Traveled to USSR in May 1961 en route to U.S.

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Winston, Henry 201-6887

201 Personality File Action Request - No opening form - just an amendment

Date: None listed From: Richard Aber : JK LIOP/RO

A review of this file indicates documents dating back to 1952. In the mid-1950s, Winston is described as an "American fugitive Communist," believed to be hiding in Costa Rica. On 16 April 56 dispatch indicates that Winston was apprehended - dispatch is from Managua. Winston was released in 1961 and went to USSR in 1961 as delegate to 22 Congress CPSU. Returned to US in Feb. 1964.

Files contain primarily 3rd agency materials.

Files " no indication that CIA ever contacted Winston.

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