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Re my let 9/15/55 advising that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and wife were leaving for New York. Although principal purpose of this trip was to confer with his publishers, LAWSON was expected to be in touch with the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP) while there. (S) (u)

The following information was received from LA 3512-S on October 4, 1955, by SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT, JR. (S) (u)

Recent correspondence from LAWSON in New York to the Hollywood ASP organization reveals that he and his wife were staying at the Madison Square Hotel and have been in touch with MARVEL COOKE of the ASP organization in New York. LAWSON wrote that he had obtained from COOKE considerable information about ASP problems, method of functioning, and so forth; that he expected, however, to meet with the ASP's Executive Committee in New York to get a more complete picture of the entire situation. (S) (u)

The most important activity being planned by the Hollywood ASP organization at the present time, and apparently with the cooperation of the ASP in New York, is a rather elaborate testimonial dinner honoring JOHN HOWARD LAWSON to be sponsored by the Hollywood ASP Chapter on November 12, 1955. Plans for this affair call for the preparation of a brochure which will include a summary of LAWSON's personal history and achievements. HASP has already sent out a great many letters to what are considered important figures in the United States and abroad suggesting that they send

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LAWSON subsequently forwarded to HASP both lists of names referred to in his correspondence. (S)(u)

On October 10, 1955, LA 3512-S temporarily made available both lists, photostatic copies of which are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau and New York for information purposes. (S)(u)

List number 1 is the list of 500 individuals referred to by LAWSON in his correspondence of September 22 and September 27, 1955. The pencil notations L, A, M, and R indicated thereon by LAWSON himself designate respectively, literary, art, music and radio. (S)(u)

List number 2 is the supplementary list of "Negro cultural and political leaders" typed up by SUE LAWSON at New York ASP. (S)(u)

Individuals appearing on both lists in the Los Angeles area have been channelized or indexed in the Los Angeles indices. The majority of the names appear to be in the New York area. (S)(u)

Other offices concerned will be advised by Los Angeles separately for information purposes concerning the comparatively few names in their respective territories.

It should again be noted in regard to these names that LAWSON himself does not feel that all of them would entertain any idea of sending him greetings; however, apparently all of them are to be contacted for messages of greeting to be used for LAWSON's testimonial dinner. (S)(u)

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