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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE </p> <p> LAWSON reported to have recruited his wife SUE into the Communist Party (CP) in 1936. Also recruited T-5 into the CP in 1938. On 3/14/56 ALBERT GLASSER, musician and composer, and his wife KATHERINE recalled LAWSON as an important figure in the CP in 1943 when the GLASSERS were members. [LAWSON recently expressed himself as feeling that the actions of the USSR in all cases cannot be completely defended.] During 1955 LAWSON has been reported connected with a number of Communist-dominated organizations, including California Emergency Defense Committee, American-Russian Institute, and the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. He was the foremost policy-making figure in the last-named organization until it dissolved in 1/56. [It was LAWSON who drafted the HASP statement announcing its dissolution.] [The last public function of the HASP of any importance was a testimonial dinner honoring LAWSON which was held at Los Angeles on 11/12/55.] </p>			
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	HASP testimonial dinner	9/26/55	"	134-115A-724
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	HASP dinner for LAWSON	10/26/55 11/2/55	"	134-115A-724 (u)
	HASP Executive Board meeting, 12/13/55	12/7/55	"	" -751
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(u) T-4, CS LA-3200-S] (X) (u)	Re SARAJO LORD	5/25/47	JACK S. KEMPTON, et al	100-23933-A1] (X) (u)
T-5, SANORA BABB HOWE, 1562 Queens Road, Los Angeles, member CP, 1938-45, whose identity is concealed by request	1938	4/18/56	CLAUDE WILLIS, et al	100-20293
(u) T-6, CS LA-3824-S*] (X) (u)	Photographic copies CP documents	3/1/55	JOHN KEANE et al	134-696-1B10, vol.8, p.705, 707, 710,711, 713, 715] (X) (u)
T-7, ABRAHAM LIEBERMAN, wa. Abe Davis, 610 Monroe Road, Long Beach, New York; member of CP, New York, early 1930's - 1942, and from 1945- 1950. Identity concealed by request.	LAWSON's position re CP for the US	8/2/55	ARNOLD L. PARHAM, et al	NY 100-67469; LA 100-21198- 1581
T-8, LA-3762-S	CEDC letter, 12/12/55	2/28/56	ALBERT N. CARLBLOM	134-374B-114

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T-11, LA-2954-S	Thumbnail May Day Committee	4/21/55	H. RAWLINS OVERTON	100-1763] (u) (u)
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T-12, former LA-3685-S, KATHLEEN HART STOCKWELL, Topanga, California, identity concealed by request	May Day rally, 5/1/55	5/6/55	CLIFFORD PUCKETT	134-306A-209
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