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TITLE JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, alias Jacob Levy		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-15-86 BY 9143 JDB/klp			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Subject held 1944 CPA membership card #1850 and was assigned to Club A-3, Northwest Section. On Dec. 10, 1944, he registered for 1945 CPA membership and was assigned 1945 CPA membership card #47275. He is currently assigned to Special Group, also known as Group #9, an exclusive group in the Los Angeles Co. Communist Political Association, and one of several cultural groups set up when the Northwest Section disbanded in December, 1944. Subject is a member of the Commission, believed to be the Cultural Commission, governing body of the new cultural groups, (and held a meeting of this group on Jan. 13, 1945, at his home. He was also observed in attendance at the organizational meeting of many of the new cultural groups in January and February, 1945. Subject is a member of the five-man Executive Committee of the People's Educational Center, and taught a ten session course at its fall term. He has led the fight for the Hollywood Democratic Committee against the National Citizens Political Action Committee, which latter organization desires to control the H.D.C. as one of the representatives of the H.D.C., he conferred with SIDNEY HILLMAN in Los Angeles on Jan. 17, 1945, but considered the conference a failure because he believed HILLMAN is controlled by the local "Social Democrats". Subject was one of those who led the move in the H.D.C. to get Presidential action against the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES. He recently endorsed Mayor FLETCHER BOWEN as candidate for re-election in Los Angeles; advised others to do so, after obtaining CPA approval. Subject returned to employment as screen writer at COLUMBIA STUDIOS, Hollywood, on Jan. 17, 1945, after a three weeks' vacation. He is under contract at that Studio at a salary of \$1000.00 a week, with a guarantee of 20 weeks of work a year. His most recent picture, "COUNTER-ATTACK" is completed, but has not been released yet. Bank account reflects that subject continues to contribute money to reported Communist infiltrated and dominated organizations.</p>			
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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE C: [~~confid~~ CNDI L.A. JO-1] (C)(u)

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE D: [~~confid~~ CNDI L.A. 1357] (C)(u)

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE E: Y. FRANK FREEMAN,
President, Paramount Studios, Los Angeles,
who requested that his name be kept confidential.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE F: W. BOLTON,
Head of the Publicity Department, Columbia Studios,
who requested that his name be kept confidential.

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