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DETAILS:

The files of the New York Office reflect a voluminous amount of information concerning the subject of this case which information has been previously submitted to the office of origin. However, pertinent information which has not been previously submitted is set out below:

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Copies of a press release dated June 12, 1947, obtained from NELSON FRANK, Staff writer, "New York World Telegram", reflect that JOHN H. LAWSON spoke at the Artists Fight Back meeting at Manhattan Center, New York City, on June 11, 1948. The subject of his dissertation was "Artists Fight Back".

Confidential Informant ND 426 advised on March 15, 1944 that LAWSON was Secretary of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy in February, 1937. ND 426 advised on November 6, 1943, that LAWSON served as a member of the Max Bedacht Birthday Committee. BEDACHT is former head of the IWO and member of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant ND 426 advised on March 13, 1942 that LAWSON is Treasurer of the National Committee for Peoples Rights. He also has been identified with the following organizations:

Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES - member and sponsor, 1941
League of American Writers, Vice-President, 1941 and National Board member 1940

SCHAPPES' Defense Committee - member, 1941
Joint Committee for the Defense of Brazilian People - Committee member, 1936

Fourth American Writers Congress - Committee member, 1941
Fourth American Writers Congress and Congress of American Artists - dinner speaker, 1941

Confidential Informant ND 392 on October 31, 1947, advised that LAWSON, at a dinner sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugees Committee at the Astor Hotel, New York City, October 30, 1947, attacked the Un-American Activities Committee and condemned the same Committee on its present "witch-hunts".

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