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*John Howard Lawson*  
SUMMARY REPORT

I MEMBERSHIP IN, AND AFFILIATION WITH,  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY

T-1, an informant of unknown reliability, was interviewed on March 18, 1947, by SA FRED G. DUPUIS. At the time of this interview, T-1 admitted that he had formerly been a member of Branch A-3 of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, up to approximately one year prior to the interview. The informant stated that he had ceased attending meetings but had never, to his knowledge, been officially dropped from the Party records. T-1 was asked regarding the Communist Party membership of numerous persons. He was asked specifically concerning JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, to which he stated that LAWSON would show up quite frequently and seemed to have an amazing vitality. He nodded affirmatively when asked if LAWSON was not, in fact, the leader of the group.

The Los Angeles Evening Herald Express, a local newspaper, on Wednesday, June 4, 1947, carried an article entitled "Film Exec. Bares Red Cunning." In the article, Mr. JAMES K. McGUINNESS, an exec producer at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios and founder of the Motion Picture Alliance, is reported to have given a speech before the Yale Club of the University Club. In his speech he stated that the aim of the Communist International was to destroy capitalism. In his speech he also told of the founding and the growth of the Screen Writers Guild. He said:

*John Howard Lawson*  
I was one of the founders of the Guild and discovered later I had helped elect as its first president JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, one of the most indefatigable Party workers in the

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T-2 is New York informant ND 426.

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T-4 is CNDI LA 2954.

T-5 is CNDI LA 3244.

T-6 is CNDI LA 3200.

T-7 is CGII 3081.

T-8 is Special Employee BASEOM M. SHANKS, JR.

T-9 is GENE HAGBERG, 6404 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

T-10 is CNDI LA 3250.

T-11 is CNDI LA 2900.

T-12 is CNDI LA 3251.

T-13 is CGII 3104.

T-14 is CNDI LA 3234.

T-15 is CNDI LA CL-1.

T-16 is Detroit informant BA 21.

T-17 is MARION COWSER, 15129 Hesby Street, Sherman Oaks, California.

T-18 is CNDI LA 2319.

T-19 is CNDI LA 3295.

T-20 is CNDI LA 1138.

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T-21 is New York informant NY 429.

T-22 is New York informant ND 392.

T-23 is CNDI LA 3287.

T-24 is CNDI LA 11.

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