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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON was released from the Federal Correctional Institute in Ashland, Kentucky on April 9, 1951. He immediately went to Brooklyn, New York where he remained until July 15, 1951 when he returned to his home at 9354 Burnet Avenue, San Fernando, California. He is self-employed as a writer. A number of sources herein quoted have identified the subject as a leader in the Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry and of the Communist Cultural Movement in Hollywood. During the Spring, 1951 hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, witnesses named the subject as an important Communist in the motion picture industry. In an Arts, Sciences and Professions sponsored "Welcome Home" meeting on August 3, 1951, LAWSON made reference to the recent arrests of the California Communists. He said, "There is not the slightest doubt that in the course of history, these people who are now behind bars in a Los Angeles Jail will be remembered among the patriots with pride, and their names will be recited with pride by school children when the names of MCGOUEYS, McGRATHS, the MEDINAS, the HOOVERS, and the CARTERS, and all the rest of them have been consigned to the ash pit of history where they belong." At a reception for ABRAHAM ISSERMAN, Attorney in the Foley Square Trials, LAWSON said, "We must fight for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence 'by any means'." In his book "THE HIDDEN HERITAGE" LAWSON states that in a large part of the world

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1	DAVID KLEIN, 3485 Wonderview Dr. Los Angeles, Calif.	1/10/51 4/7/51 7/16/51 8/21/51 9/5/51	4/9/51 7/15/51 Oct. 1951	BERNARR M. PTACEK "
2	CNDI LA 3437	10/17/50	1939 1940	ROMNEY STEWART
3	CS LA 3504	4/24/51	1944	JOHN M. CASHEL
4	CS LA 3505	5/3/51	1940-1947	MARCUS M. BRIGHT
5	CS LA 3503	4/17/51 7/12/51 4/17/51	1942-1948 1943 1947	MARCUS M. BRIGHT " "
6	EDWARD DMYTRYK Screen Director	3/8/51	1944	BERNARR M. PTACEK
7	CS LA 3502	3/22/51	1942-1948	IRVING T. WEEKS
8	[NYC 426	4/18/51	(C)(u)	
9	CNDI LA 3457	5/5/51	4/28/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK
10	[CNDI LA 3496	5/31/51		KENNETH R. MERRILL (C)(u)
11	CNDI LA 3404	7/12/51 5/24/51 3/30/51 2/14/51 6/26/50	1940 1937	MARCUS M. BRIGHT MARCUS M. BRIGHT BERNARR M. PTACEK MARCUS M. BRIGHT MARCUS M. BRIGHT
12	CNDI LA 3437	5/8/51		ROMNEY STEWART
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14	FRANCHOT TONE Movie actor 8743 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.	4/2/51	1928	GILMER G. ROBINSON
15	STERLING HAYDEN Screen Actor	3/14/51	1946	JOHN M. CASHEL
16	BUCKY HARRIS Publicity Director Screen Actors Guild	2/5/51		PHILIP J. REILLY
17	Mr. DORE SCHARY Managing Director MGM Studios Culver City, Calif.	12/12/50		SAC, R. B. HOOD
18	WILLIAM FRANK BLOWITZ Screen Publicist 4573 Willis Ave. Sherman Oaks, Calif.	8/29/51	1945	BERNARR M. PTACEK
19	Dr. D. VAN H. LABBERTON 205 Foothill Road Ojai, California	2/5/51		PAUL LUTHER
20	CNDI LA CD 86	8/23/51		SE GERALD E. ROSS
21	CS LA 3184	2/20/51	1951	MARCUS M. BRIGHT
22	CNDI LA 3379	1/5/51		IRBING T. WEEKS
23	CNDI LA 3452	1/19/51		JOHN H. DONEY, JR.
24	CNDI LA 3512	7/22/51 7/23/51 8/16/51 9/4/51 9/7/51 8/21/51	7/18/51 9/1/51 9/30/51 8/17/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK " " " " "

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25	CNDI SF 1495		Feb., 1949	
26	Dr. WM NATHAN WILSON 1973 Minoru Drive Altadena, Calif.	9/4/51	9/1/51	BERNARR M. PTACEK
27	CNDI LA 3341	9/5/51		BERNARR M. PTACEK
28	[CNDI LA 2954	1/19/49		GARY SAWTELLE]
29	[CNDI LA 3497	2/12/51		WILBERT H. KEHE]
30	[CNDI LA 3200	May, 1947		BERNARR M. PTACEK]

One copy of this report is being sent to the New York Office because of the importance of the subject in the Communist movement of the United States.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report subject's Communist activities in the Los Angeles area.

REFERENCE: Report of SA BERNARR M. PTACEK at Los Angeles dated September 7, 1950.

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