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Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 4/19/62.

On 4/30 and 5/1/62, contact was had with LA 3402-S, who is a close and personal acquaintance of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and his wife SUE. Informant advised SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT that the LAWSONs have been living a "hand to mouth" existence for the past several years. LAWSON has a number of outstanding debts, particularly a heavy mortgage on his house; and his married son has in the recent past been a partial dependent. (S)(u)

LAWSON has confided to informant that his writings have brought him very little financially in past years; that the last funds he received from writing was for a film story he did as co-writer and sold to a British film producing company a few years ago, name not specifically mentioned. However, LAWSON received comparatively nominal amount for his writing efforts along with his writing partner and both had to sue the producer for their money, the majority of which went to the attorneys. (S)(u)

Before the LAWSONs left on their extended one year European trip in May, 1961, they owed the dress maker approximately \$150 for clothes made for Mrs. LAWSON. They had been paying this only to an extent of \$5.00 to \$10.00 at a time and when they departed in May, of last year, LAWSON paid it down to \$70.00 before he left, leaving a balance of approximately that amount. (S)(u)

Mrs. LAWSON confided to informant about a year ago that only the nominal money LAWSON received from his lectures kept them going. (S)(u)

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