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Inasmuch as JOHN HOWARD LAWSON apparently divides his time, to a certain extent, between Los Angeles and New York City, a copy of this report is being designated for the information of the New York Office.

INFORMANTS:

<u>IDENTITY OF INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE INFO RECEIVED</u>	<u>AGENT RECEIVING INFORMATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>T-1: DAVID KLIEN</u>				
	Orally to SA ANDREW J. DECKER on July 21 and 25, 1952.			
<u>T-2: [LA 3500-S]</u>				
	Readmission application for MURRY 2/28/52 T. L. DONOVAN, KORNGOLD to the John Reed Division, etal Los Angeles County Communist Party.			100-1763-1B43-0, Vol. VI, p. 584- 587.
<u>T-3: [LA 3512-S]</u>				
	1/31/52	2/4/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-166
	2/4/52	2/11/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-170
	2/4/52	2/11/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-169
	2/20/52	2/23/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-173
	4/11/52	4/15/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-202
	2/5/52	2/11/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-171
	3/13/52	3/20/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-185
	3/7/52	6/4/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-224
	4/9/52	" " "	" " "	" " "
	5/7/52	" " "	" " "	" " "
	4/25/52	5/15/52	B. M. PTACEK	100-21198-781
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	3/20/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	3/27/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	4/3/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	4/17/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	4/19/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	5/1/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	5/8/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	5/21/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	5/28/52	6/5/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-244
	3/6/52	3/20/52	B. M. PTACEK	66-3289A-185
	6/21,22/52	6/16/52	B. M. PTACEK	100-21198-795

T-4: ROSE LYNCH, Postmaster,  
United States Post Office,  
Hollywood Substation

6/5/52	6/3/52	J. E. COYNE	100-18355-2602
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T-5: ROBERT E. WITHERS, Potential Security  
Informant, 2832 Boulder Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California

5/8/52	5/12/52	R. J. STILLING	100-21198-785
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T-6: LA 3543-S

2/2/52	3/14/52	H. G. BERKEY	66-3619A-13
3/12/52	4/3/52	H. G. BERKEY	66-3619A-17

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	3/12/52	3/19/52	T. W. CRAWFORD	66-3677A-21
	3/19/52	4/4/52	T. W. CRAWFORD	66-3677A-22
	4/30/52	5/8/52	S. M. WOLF	66-3677A-29
<u>T-8: HARRY DAVID TANZER</u>				
	3/19/52	3/29/52	J. K. CROWE	66-3603A4
	3/26/52	3/29/52	J. K. CROWE	66-3603A5
<u>T-9: LA 3451-S</u>				
	4/30/52 to 5/27/52	4/30/52	W. J. MC CAULEY	100-21198-788
<u>T-10: LA 3184-S</u> <u>Orally to SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT</u> <u>on February 20, 1951.</u>				
<u>T-11: PH 55-S</u>				
	12/19/51	1/10/52	J. G. KELLY	100-211981A57
<u>T-12: LA 3378-S</u>				
	5/23/52	6/16/52	H. E. WHITE	66-2966A41
<u>T-13: LA 2954-S</u> <u>Orally to SA JOHN P. MC HUGH</u> <u>on March 28, 1952.</u>				
<u>T-14: LA 3453-S</u>				
	4/27/52	5/2/52	R. R. BROOKSHER	66-2843A85
<u>T-15: LA 3507-S</u>				
	4/27/52	5/6/52	W. E. HEUCKE	66-3364A125
<u>T-16: NY 426-S</u>				
	Daily Worker subscription of 1952.	3/11/52	E. K. DEANE, etal	100-211981A58

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