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<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> [LAWSON scheduled to give four lectures in NYC under sponsorship of NCASP on "Our National Culture" during latter part of March and first part of April.] He was a speaker at a Stalin memorial meeting in NYC on 3/26/53. The "Daily Worker" indicates LAWSON spoke at a Roosevelt-Stalin memorial meeting on 4/12/53, which was sponsored by Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. He wrote an article in "Masses and Mainstream" of May 1953.</p> <p align="center"><i>cc: R/H 5/9/53</i></p> <p align="center"><b>- R U C -</b></p> <p align="right"><i>7/15/87</i> Classified by <i>[signature]</i> Declassify on: OADR</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on March 20, 1953, that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON would present a series of four lectures on "Our National Culture", beginning on March 20, 1953. Other lectures were scheduled for March 27th and April 10 and 17, 1953. According to the informant, the lectures would be under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP). <i>(u)</i></p> <p>According to the informant, LAWSON's lectures would consist of a discussion of FREDERICK DOUGLASS, WALT WHITMAN, EUGENE V. DEBS and THEODORE DREISER. The material to be used in these lectures is based on LAWSON's forthcoming book on the culture of the United States. <i>(u)</i></p> <p>Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, on April 15, 1953, furnished a throwaway which indicated that LAWSON's fourth scheduled lecture was rescheduled to April 19, 1953. COPIES DESTROYED</p> <p align="center"><b>41 MAR 27 1963</b></p> <p align="right">Classified by <i>9145 JG/100/100</i> Declassify on: OADR <i>4-23-86</i></p>			
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T-1 CSNY 426	Lectures sponsored by NCASP, 3/20, 27; 4/10 and 17/53	3/20/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE SE PAUL G. MITCHELL	100-93553- 989
T-2 NY 384-S	Stalin Memorial Meeting, 3/26/53	4/2/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	134-82-154
T-3 CHARLES R. SILCOCK, Potential Confidential Source, NYC	Reception delegates, 4/26/53 NCASP, 4/25/53	4/26/53	SA WILFRED R. SCHLARMAN	134-186
T-4 CSNY 588	Documentation			
T-5 NY 359-S	Negative	6/9/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-6 NY 388-S	Negative	6/9/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
T-7 NY 363-S	Negative	6/10/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report

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Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 3/11/53  
Summary report of SA ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, Jr.,  
3/23/53, Los Angeles

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