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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/22/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9, 12-14/53	REPORT MADE BY MARCUS M. BRIGHT	CEA
TITLE JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C		
SYNOPSIS: JOHN HOWARD LAWSON continues to be dominant figure in Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions organization. Is currently Vice-Chairman, member of Executive Board, and was delegate to National Convention in New York in April, 1953, where he served on Policy Committee. Additional former Communist Party members in Hollywood have appeared before House Committee on Un-American Activities in recent hearings and have identified LAWSON as having been a Party member. Subject was speaker at American-Russian Institute memorial meeting for MAXIM GORKY at Los Angeles on 6-26-53; speaker at American Peace Crusade rally at Los Angeles 6-25-53; took part in protest campaign against deportations sponsored by Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in July, 1953; was speaker at STALIN Memorial rally in New York in April, 1953; and at Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship Council in May, 1953. Subject wrote article in "Masses & Mainstream" for May, 1953 in protest against McCARRAN Internal Security Act, SMITH Act, McCARRAN-WALTER Immigration Act, and against investigation of Communists by Congressional Committees. Most of subject's activity and speeches have been in the Hollywood ASP organization where he has delivered two series of lectures on cultural subjects. Pertinent statements and quotations from these speeches set out.		Supplemental SUMMARY REPORT ON 6-29-55		
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At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report the activities of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON.

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T-1 CS LA 3512-S	Subject's position and activity in ASP	2-27-53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-150
"	"	9-3-53	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
"	"	4-30-53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-115A-206
"	"	4-17-53	"	134-115A-193
"	"	5-24-53	"	134-115A-222
"	"	6-13-53	"	134-115A-242
"	"	8-5-53	"	134-115A-275
"	"	3-6-53	"	134-115A-165
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<p><u>T-2</u> Statement under oath given to WILLIAM A. WHEELER, HCUA, by LEOPOLD L. ATLAS, film writer, North Hollywood, California, 3-12-53, copy of which was furnished SA ANDREW J. DECKER, JR. by Mr. WHEELER on 3-19-53 and filed in LA 62-1664-1B11-5.</p>				
<p><u>T-3</u> Statement under oath executed 3-13-53 by PAULINE SWANSON TOWNSEND, writer and former CP member, Malibu Beach, California, to Mr. WILLIAM A. WHEELER of HCUA, copy of which was furnished SA ANDREW J. DECKER, JR. by Mr. WHEELER on 3-19-53 and filed in LA 62-1664-1B11-3.</p>				
<p><u>T-4</u> Statement under oath executed by SOL SHORE, 12527 Emilita, North Hollywood, screen writer-director, to WILLIAM A. WHEELER, HCUA on 3-12-53, copy of which was furnished SA ANDREW J. DECKER, JR. by Mr. WHEELER on 3-19-53 and filed in LA 62-1664-1B11-6.</p>				
T-5 CS LA 3184-S	Thumbnail of ASP	3-21-51	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	100-18355
T-6 JAS. A. VALK, Panel Source, 1414 N. Orange Grove Ave., Hollywood	Subject's activ- ity in ASP	5-5-53	"	134-210A-12
	"	5-27-53	"	134-210A-13
	"	3-6-53	"	134-210A-7
T-7 CS LA 3628-S	Subject's activ- ity in Hollywood ASP	4-6-53	ROYCE CARTER PULLIAM	134-226A- 16
T-8 CS LA 3543-S	Speaker at ARI meeting	6-29-53	HARVEY G. BERKEY	134-135B-65
T-9 CS LA 3671-S	"	7-10-53	RICHARD J. NELSON	134-23A-17
T-10 CS LA 3463-S	"	7-13-53	ROBERT FARRELLY	134-58A-38

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T-11 [NY 384-S, New York	Stalin Memorial Rally	4-2-53	JOHN W. DOOLEY	134-82-154 (u) (C)
T-12 CS LA 3473-S	Activity in ACFPFB	7-15-53	WILLIS W. WALL	100-21198- 1131
T-13 Mr. HERMAN R. LANDON, Director, INS, Los Angeles	June, 1953	7-15-53	"	100-21198- 1131
T-14 LA 2953-S	Thumbnail, American Peace Crusade	3-28-53	H. RAWLINS OVERTON	100-34005
T-15 SELMER WESTBY, Panel Source, Los Angeles	Speech at APC meeting	6-29-53	JOSEPH R. CONLON	134-378A-6
T-16 WILLIAM J. CORRELL, Panel Source, Los Angeles	"	6-29-53	VINCENT J. O'NEILL	134-325A-6
T-17 CS LA 3701-S	"	6-29-53	"	134-208A-16
	ASP meeting 3-3-53	3-9-53	"	134-208A-10
T-18 CS LA 3699-S	ASP meeting 3-3-53	3-9-53	RAYMON P. KASBAUM	134-227A-12 (u)
T-19 [CS LA 3487-S	"	7-21-53	GEORGE D. WATT	134-109A-39 (u) (C)

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T-20 CG 15-S, Chicago	Thumbnail, Chicago Council American- Soviet Friendship	8-48		LA 100-21198- 1028
T-21 [CG 5871-S, Chicago]	5-9-53	5-13-53	RUSSELL DOGLEY	LA 100- 21198-1014 (u) (c)
T-22 CG 5865-S, Chicago	April, 1953	5-12-53	JOHN J. MATHEWS	134-56-1B13
T-23 [CG 5826-S, Chicago]	May, 1953	5-12-53	GEORGE E. JONES	134-42-1B 137 (u) (c)
T-24 [CG 5325-S, Chicago]	May, 1953	5-11-53	ROBERT HAUSER	66-2142-1B 35 (u) (c)
T-25 [CG 5792-S, Chicago]	May, 1953	6-5-53	WILLIAM J. DALTON	134-24-1B 104 (u) (c)
T-26 BOB J. SHULTZ, PS, Los Angeles	May, 1953	5-22-53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-447A-2
	"	5-29-53	"	134-447A-4
	June, 1953	6-16-53	"	134-447A-7
	"	6-26-53	"	134-447A-10 (u)
T-27 [CS LA 3690-S]	March, 1953	3-10-53	HAROLD QUINN	134-272A-19 (u) (c)
T-28 CS LA 3738-S	June, 1953	7-2-53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-447A-11
	July, 1953	7-15-53	"	134-447A-13

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T-28 CS LA 3738-S (Cont'd.)	July, 1953	7-16-53	BERNARR M. PTACEK	134-447A-14
	July, 1953	7-23-53	"	134-447A-16
	Sept., 1953	9-14-53	"	134-447A-25
T-29 CS LA 3370-S	June, 1953	6-23-53	JOHN D. WALLACE	134-10A-34 (u)
T-30 FLORENCE and OLIVER CASSON, Panel Sources, Los Angeles	7-8-53	7-10-53	JOSEPH R. CONLON	134-375A-3
T-31 CS LA 3627-S	3-3-53	3-18-53	ROYCE CARTER PULLIAM	134-200A -15
T-32 CS LA 3685-S	5-27-53	5-29-53	THOMAS E. DYAR	134-306A-44
	7-8-53	7-15-53	"	134-306A-74
T-33 CS LA 3684-S	3-3-53	3-6-53	"	134-275A-14
	7-1-53	7-10-53	"	134-306A-71

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ANDREW JOSEPH DECKER, JR. dated 3-23-53
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