Error Correction – Past Modals

Each sentence below contains an error related to past modals. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. The Hollywood Ten should had defended themselves better.

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2. Some actors may have changed their identity if they knew about the blacklist.

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3. The government could investigated more thoroughly before making accusations.

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4. Many accused people should of received fair trials.

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5. They might has moved to another country to keep working.

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5. Past Modals in Context – Short Paragraph Completion

Complete the paragraph using *should have, could have, might have* + past participle.

Many filmmakers were accused of being communists during the Red Scare.

Some of them (1) _____ (avoid) the blacklist if they had denied the accusations. Others (2) _____ (continue) working under different names, but they refused. The government (3) _____ (investigate) more carefully before ruining careers. Many of these artists (4) _____ (move) to other countries to keep working. The

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Hollywood industry (5) _____ (support) them more instead of banning them.

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