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# **Department of Justice Surveillance Report of the Activities of Edward Lindgren, Abram Jakira, and Israel Amter, April 29-30, 1921.**

**by Edward Anderson**

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*Report Made By:* Edward Anderson.

*Title and Character of Case:* FLYNN alias JOHN E. SIEBERT. ABRAM JAKIRA and ISRAEL AMTER.

*Facts Developed:*

Instructed by Agent Scully to meet a train from Pittsburgh, arriving at 9:35 (Eastern Standard Time), Pennsylvania Terminal on which train Agent Tatom was coming on, shadowing one FLYNN [Edward Lindgren], an alleged Communist.

Agent in company with Agents Weitsman and Loren covered this train, but did not connect with Agent Tatom. Agents telephoned Bureau office and was informed by Agent Scully that Agent Tatom had FLYNN [Lindgren] under surveillance at 226 West 41st Street. Agents proceeded to this address where we met Agent Tatom at 1 pm. Agents were accompanied by Detectives Murphy and Kiley of the City Bomb Squad. Subject still being in the above mentioned address. This Agent and Detective Murphy then proceeded to the Pennsylvania Terminal to try to locate two bags that subject had checked in the morning, but returned without success. Agent and Detective Murphy returned to the 41st Street address, but subject and Agents had departed. Agent and Detective Murphy waited for them to come back and they re-

turned about 3:45 pm. See Agent Weitsman's report for even date. About 4:30 pm, subject came out of 246 West 41st Street, carrying a bundle. Subject stood about five feet away from Detective Murphy and I, apparently waiting for someone. He then walked over 41st Street, where he met a man (who afterwards was found out to be JAKIRA). Both walked over to 8th Avenue, turned towards 40th Street on 8th Avenue, and between 40th and 41st Street on 8th Avenue, subject and JAKIRA stood in a doorway. Subject was seen by Detective Murphy and I turning over the bundle he was carrying to JAKIRA. They talked a few moments and then parted. JAKIRA going towards 42nd Street and subject towards 40th Street. Agent Weitsman and Detective Kiley shadowed subject, and this Agent and Detective Murphy shadowed JAKIRA. Agent shadowed JAKIRA through 42nd Street to 6th Avenue, where he boarded a downtown 6th Avenue L., getting off at Bleecker Street and going into 170 Bleecker Street, which is an apartment house, arriving there about 6 pm. About 9 pm, Agents noticed a number of suspicious characters going into this house, so Detective Murphy called up Sergeant Gegan of the Bomb Squad, who said that he would be right over to raid the place. This Agent called up Agent Charles Scully, who stated that he would meet us at Police Headquarters. When Sergeant Gegan arrived with five other men, we proceeded to the fifth floor, which is an apartment of MRS. [Helen] WARE. Sergeant Gegan entered this apartment and placed JAKIRA and an-

other man ISRAEL AMTER under arrest. Agents found bundle which was turned over to JAKIRA by FLYNN [Lindgren] under a dresser. This bundle contained the minutes and other valuable documents belonging to the [United] Communist Party. The two rooms occupied by these two men were filled with Communist Literature (see report of Agent Scully for documents taken). The prisoners and literature were taken to Police Headquarters where they were charged with CRIMINAL ANARCHY. For particulars of shadow work and arrest of subject FLYNN [Lindgren], see Agent Weitsman's report of even date. After Agent Weitsman and Detective Kelly brought in under arrest the subject FLYNN [Lindgren], he was searched by Detectives and two baggage checks were found on his person.

This Agent and Detective Murphy then proceeded to the Pennsylvania Terminal where we secured one brown handbag and one Corona typewriter, which we brought to Police Headquarters. A batch of documents pertaining to the Communist Party was found in the bag.

The Prisoners FLYNN [Lindgren], JAKIRA, and AMTER were arraigned before Magistrate Thompson in the 1st District Court, who held them without bail. The prisoners' attorney appealed to Judge McIntyre, who wanted to fix bail at \$15,000. Detective Murphy and this Agent went before Judge McIntyre with the evidence and when he saw the evidence he changed the bail from \$15,000 to \$50,000 bail until May 2nd at 9 am.

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#### **May 2nd [1921].**

Hearing of the above men came up today before Magistrate Rosenblatt. The case was adjourned again until Wednesday, May 4th [1921]. The prisoners JAKIRA and AMTER were held on \$25,000 bail and SEIBERT alias LINDGREN was held in the same bail as set on April 30th, \$50,000.

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Special Agent.

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