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# **In Re: Communist Activites — John E. Siebert, aliases Lindgren, Flynn, Landy, Lang, and Smith.**

## **[Events of April 29, 1921]**

by Al Weitsman

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*Title and Character of Case:* IN RE: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES — JOHN E. SIEBERT, aliases LINDGREN, FLYNN, LANDY, LANG, and SMITH.

### *Facts Developed:*

Pursuant to instructions from Agent Charles J. Scully, proceeded to the Pennsylvania RR Station to meet Train No. 40, arriving at 9:30 am from Pittsburgh, Pa., on which train subject was a passenger and was being shadowed by Agent Tatom of the Pittsburgh office. At 9:00 am I was joined by Agents Anderson and Loren of the New York office. As there are several exits at this station and it was impossible to cover all of them adequately, Agents failed to make connection with Agent Tatom and immediately notified Agent Scully to this effect by telephone. We were instructed to proceed at once to 226 West 41st St. where, we were informed, Agent Tatom had subject. Agents arrived there at 10:00 am and joined Agent Tatom, who stated that the subject was then in the above premises, which is a four story, somewhat dilapidate, dwelling house; and that the subject had checked a Gladstone bag and a Corona typewriter at the Pennsylvania RR Station Baggage Room. The house was then placed under surveillance by Agents who, at about 11:30 am, were joined by Detectives Murphy and Kiley of the Bomb Squad. At about 2:00 pm Agent Anderson and Detective Murphy left this point to proceed to the

Pennsylvania Depot, there to check up on subject's baggage. At 2:20 pm subject left the building accompanied by another man whose description follows: 5'10", 180 lbs., dark brown hair, slim build, sharp features, dark suit, oxford gray raincoat, light gray cap. They walked to Seventh Avenue and 41st St., southeast corner, where they parted. Subject walked east on 41st St. to Broadway, where he turned south, using the west side thereof, and continued going south to the southwest corner of 38th St. and Broadway, at which point he mailed a number of letters, placing them in a letter box on that corner. I then instructed Agent Loren to cover said letter box. Subject then continued south on west side of Broadway to 35th St., where he crossed to the east side of Broadway and mailed another batch of letters in a letter box located in front of the Herald Building. I then instructed Agent Tatom to cover said letter box. Subject then proceeded to and entered Riggs Restaurant at 41 West 33rd St. at 2:30 pm. Subject left restaurant at 3:25 pm, accompanied by the same man with whom he had parted at Broadway and 41st St. Subject and the man previously described, on leaving the restaurant walked west on 33rd St. to Broadway, turned north on Broadway and between 40th and 41st St. met another man whose description follows: 5'11", 200 lbs., light blue eyes, blond hair, florid complexion, clean shaven, about 36 or 38 years of age, dark clothes, light raincoat, soft brown hat and tan shoes, bright red tie. They conversed for about 15 minutes and the third man then left, whereupon subject and the man whom he had first met turned west on 41st St. and at 206 West 41st St. subject entered Joe's Restaurant. At this point I requested Detective Kiley to cover this address while I

followed the other man, who proceeded to 226 West 41st St., which he entered and went to the top floor and entered a door which bore the name of "Reliable Addressing Company," the man using a key to enter same. After locating this man I returned to 206 West 41st St., where I rejoined Detective Kiley. At 4:10 pm subject came out of Joe's Restaurant and proceeded to 226 West 41st St., where he entered. I then communicated with Agent Scully by telephone, informed him of the foregoing and was later joined by Agent Anderson and Detective Murphy. At 4:30 pm subject left building carrying a package, proceeded to 201 West 41st St., a cigar store, and remained there about three minutes. After leaving cigar store subject walked up and down on the north side of 41st St. between 7th and 8th Avenue until 5:00 pm, at which time he was joined by another man, since identified as ABRAHAM JAKIRA. They walked west on 41st St. to Eighth Avenue, where they turned south on Eighth Avenue and entered a doorway between 40th and 41st on the east side. They remained at this place about 15 minutes in full view of Agents and Detectives. At this place subject gave bundle which he had carried from 226 West 41st St. to Jakira, when they shook hands and parted. Subject then proceeded to Times Square Station of the Subway, boarded a downtown train, and alighted at Nostrand Avenue Station, Brooklyn. He then walked

to and entered Barber Shop, where he got a shave. At 6:15 pm subject left Barber Shop, 757 Nostrand Ave., and walked to Little Campus Restaurant, 749 Nostrand Ave., which he entered at 6:17 pm. I then phoned Agent Scully, who informed me that he would instruct Agent Leslie to join me, which he did at 6:30 pm. At 8:20 pm subject came out of restaurant accompanied by a woman. They walked to Franklin Avenue, where woman entered the premises of 781 Franklin Avenue, leaving subject waiting on the corner. This woman remained at above address for about 5 minutes and then rejoined subject, whereupon they proceed to and entered the Nostrand Moving Picture Theatre, No. 657 Nostrand Ave., at 9:10 pm. At 10:55 pm subject and woman left above theatre and walked to Sterling Pl. and Nostrand Ave., where they were met by Detective Kiley, who requested subject to accompany him to Police Headquarters in New York. At 11:45 pm Agent Leslie and I arrived at Police Headquarters, New York, with Detective Kiley and subject, accompanied by woman upon her own request. I was thereafter engaged at Police Headquarters assisting in the examination of subject until 2:00 am, when I discontinued.

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Special Agent.

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