

NIGHT LEAD COPPER (310)

NEW YORK, NOV. 7 (AP)-AN ALLEGED PLOT TO BOOST WORLD COPPER PRICES BY BLOWING UP A VITAL BRIDGE IN AN AFRICAN COPPER COUNTRY DEVELOPED A NEW FACET TODAY. A PROSECUTOR SAID THAT FOUR ARRESTS IN ISRAEL-- INCLUDING THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS HERE--WERE "RELATED" TO THE BRIDGE-BLOWING SCHEME.

ASST. U.S. ATTY. STEPH KAUFMAN MADE THE STATEMENT IN ARGUING FOR HIGH BAIL FOR JAY AUBREY ELLIOTT, 31, AND ROLF DUNBIER, 36. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE FEDERAL NEUTRALITY SECURITY ACT BY CONSPIRING TO DAMAGE PROPERTY OF A FOREIGN NATION WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS AT PEACE.

FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT ELLIOTT AND DUNBIER HAD TRIED TO HIRE TWO MIAMI, FLA., ENGINEERS TO BLOW UP A VITAL RAILROAD BRIDGE IN ZAMBIA, THUS CRIPPLING THE COPPER SUPPLY FROM THE FREE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF THE METAL.

ELLIOTT AND DUNBIER WORKED FOR A GERMAN METALS FIRM. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS SAID THE SCHEME WAS TO CUT DOWN ON ZAMBIA'S COPPER EXPORTS, THUS RUNNING UP COPPER PRICES.

THE ENGINEERS, PHILIP ARMSTRONG AND PAUL CAUDELL, HAD BEEN PROMISED \$25,000 PLUS EXPENSES FOR THE JOB, THE GOVERNMENT SAID.

HOOVER SAID THE MIAMI ENGINEERS WERE COOPERATING WITH THE FBI AND CHARGES HAD BEEN PLACED AGAINST THEM.

THE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY SAID ELLIOTT'S WIFE LIVES IN TEL AVIV AND IS A NATIVE OF BAGHDAD. HE SAID ELLIOTT IS A FORMER CARIBBEAN CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN.

KAUFMAN ASKED \$100,000 BAIL FOR ELLIOTT, BUT U.S. COMMISSIONER EARL BISHOP SET HIS BAIL AT \$50,000.

KAUFMAN ASKED \$50,000, AND GOT \$20,000 BAIL FOR DUNBIER, WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS A GERMAN-BORN U.S. CITIZEN WHO LIVES IN SCARSDALE, N.Y., WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

JACOB ADELMAN, COUNSEL FOR ELLIOTT AND DUNBIER, ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF TRYING TO MAKE "A SPY STORY OR JAMES BOND SITUATION" OUT OF WHAT ADELMAN DESCRIBED AS "A TECHNICAL CRIME RATHER THAN A REAL CRIME."

THE DEFENDANTS COULD GET UP TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON AND \$5,000 FINES.

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