

HEADQUARTERS
163d Military Intelligence Battalion
APO 168 US Forces

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7 February 1964

SUBJECT: GAZZOTTO, Amedeo

TO: Office of the Legal Attache
U.S. Embassy, Rome
APO 794, US Forces

ATTN: Mr. Joseph C. Michela

1. Reference your office memorandum, Subject: as above, dated 28 January 1964.

2. Attached hereto as inclosure are the results of investigation conducted concerning GAZZOTTO. SUBJECT was interviewed on 31 January 1964, as requested by your office.

3. This Battalion contemplates no further investigative action however, in the event your office desires additional information request this Battalion be advised.

1 Incl:
a/s

for John W. Schaffel, GS-11
RICHARD H. RANCE
Major, AIS
Commanding

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AGENT REPORT
(SR 380-320-10)

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| 1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT GARZOTTO, Amedeo Italian National DOB: 28 December 1946 POB: Cologna Veneta (Verona), Italy | 2. DATE SUBMITTED 1 February 1964 |
| 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER | |

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(SUBJECT INTERVIEW) On 31 January 1964, Amedeo GARZOTTO was interviewed by [REDACTED], in the presence of this agent, at the office of the SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy. SUBJECT is the son of Gino Garzotto and Maria Agnoletto and is a third year drafting student at the Fusinieri State Institute of Vicenza and boards at the Filippini Boarding School, Filippini Street #2, Vicenza. HIS home address is Viale Roma #12, Cologna Veneta (Verona), Italy. GARZOTTO was interviewed concerning a letter HE had sent to the FBI in January 1964 wherein HE indicated having knowledge of who had killed President Kennedy. GARZOTTO stated substantially as follows:

SUBJECT is intensely interested in and has read many murder mysteries written by American authors and also enjoys crime movies pertaining to the FBI and its fight against gangsterism. GARZOTTO'S interest in murder mysteries is so strong that it has been defined by HIS classmates as fanaticism and last year HE wrote, for HIS own enjoyment, a murder mystery entitled Two Million Dollars is Too Much.

GARZOTTO was very much affected by the death of President Kennedy because HE considered him a just man who was interested in the peoples' problems and because the President had demonstrated firmness in dealing with Russia. At the time of the President's assassination, SUBJECT read newspaper accounts of the incident and formed the opinion that Kennedy had been caused to be killed by a person who disliked the President's political policies and did not want them to continue.

The idea of writing to the FBI occurred to GARZOTTO during the Christmas holidays, which HE spent with HIS family, and upon HIS return to boarding school HE wrote a letter, in Italian, which SUBJECT had HIS friend Vittorio Bonmartini translate into English. GARZOTTO copied the letter, in HIS handwriting, and mailed it to the FBI, Justice Department, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, Mariland, USA. The letter was as follows: Mr. Edgar Hoover, Excuse my lateness but I want to wish you and your G-men a happy new year and that the American gangsters are eliminated. Besides, I would like to know what I have to do to join the FBI. SUBJECT signed the letter and as an after thought wrote. I know who could have had the idea to kill Kennedy. A copy of the letter, recalled by SUBJECT to the best of HIS knowledge, is attached (EXHIBIT I).

GARZOTTO'S reasons for writing to the FBI was because of HIS extreme interest in, and desire to join the FBI; to be able to show the FBI's reply to HIS classmates; and the possibility of visiting the United States, if accepted by the FBI.

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In HIS letter SUBJECT wrote that HE knew who could have had the idea to kill President Kennedy but this was all based on deductions HE made after reading newspapers and magazines describing the assassination and events which followed.

SUBJECT executed a statement giving HIS reasons for sending the letter to the FBI which is attached hereto (EXHIBIT II).

AGENT'S NOTES: GARZOTTO is a minor, 17 years old. The Italian newspapers, magazines, television, and radio, closely followed the assassination of President Kennedy and the events that transpired thereafter, and this information was foremost on all news media for days following the assassination. The Italian people were deeply moved by the death of President Kennedy.

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| 1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT GARZOTTO, Amedeo Italian National DOB: 28 December 1946 POB: Cologne Veneta (Verona), Italy | 2. DATE SUBMITTED 4 February 1964 |
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(DEVELOPED REFERENCE) On 3 February 1964, Vittorio Bonmartini was interviewed by [REDACTED] in the presence of this agent, at the office of the SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy. Bonmartini is the son of Rino Bonmartini and Maria Marchetto and is a third year student in bookkeeping at the Fusinieri State Institute of Vicenza and boards at the Filippini Boarding School, Filippini Street #2, Vicenza. His home address is Via Dell'Oro #24, Treviso, Italy. Bonmartini was interviewed concerning a letter which he translated from Italian into English for his friend Amedeo GARZOTTO, who mailed it to the FBI. The letter indicated GARZOTTO knew who had killed President Kennedy. Bonmartini stated substantially as follows:

During the first or second week in January 1964, GARZOTTO asked Bonmartini to translate into English, a letter which SUBJECT had written in Italian and which was addressed to the head of the FBI. The letter, to the best of Bonmartini's memory, read as follows: M. Hoover, Excusing my delay, I would wish to you and your G-men a very happy new year, to the end that American justice can cut every shape of transgressesion, at last that there is for a great many years in the American country. I'd like to know how I could enter in the FBI corporation. N.B. I'm not an insane man but I know who has shot John F. Kennedy. A copy of the letter is attached (EXHIBIT III).

Bonmartini did not take the matter seriously and told GARZOTTO that if HE received a reply from the head of the FBI, he would pay SUBJECT'S admission to a movie. Bonmartini believes that GARZOTTO wrote and mailed the letter because of the bet that had been made, because HE is an avid reader of murder mysteries and detective stories, because HE wants to go to America and become an investigator for the FBI and, mainly, to impress HIS friends. Bonmartini is of the opinion that GARZOTTO does not know who killed President Kennedy and that the incident is all the result of GARZOTTO reading too many murder mysteries and detective stories.

Bonmartini signed a statement concerning the incident which is attached hereto (EXHIBIT IV).

AGENT'S NOTES: [REDACTED]

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

GARZOTTO, Amedeo
Italian National
DOB: 28 December 1946
POB: Cologna Veneta (Verona), Italy

2. DATE SUBMITTED

5 February 1964

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(LOCAL AGENCIES) On 5 February 1964, [REDACTED] SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy, furnished the following information concerning Vittorio Bonmartini which was obtained from the Italian agencies indicated:

Anagrafe (Bureau of Vital Statistics), Vicenza, Italy

Vittorio Bonmartini is the son of Rino Bonmartini and Maria Marchetto and was born at Vicenza, Italy, on 26 August 1946. Permanent residence since 12 September 1963 has been Treviso, Italy.

Carabinieri, Vicenza, Italy

No record

Questura (Provincial Police), Vicenza, Italy

No record

AGENT'S NOTES: [REDACTED]

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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(LOCAL AGENCIES) On 4 February 1964, [REDACTED] SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy, furnished the following information concerning Amedeo GARZOTTO which was obtained from the Italian agencies indicated:

Anagrafe (Bureau of Vital Statistics), Cologna Veneta (Verona), Italy

SUBJECT, the son of Gino Garzotto and Maria Agnoletto, was born at Cologna Veneta on 28 December 1946. HIS residence is Viale Roma #12, Cologna Veneta, and HE is a student.

Carabinieri, Cologna Veneta (Verona), Italy

No record

Questura (Provincial Police), Verona, Italy

No record

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STATEMENT of Bonmartini, Vittorio, son of Rino and Maria Marchetto, born at Vicenza on 26 August 1946, with residence at Treviso, Via Dall'Oro #24, and residing at Vicenza at the Filippini Boarding School, student, third class, Bookkeeping, single.---

At 1430 hours, on 3 February 1964, at SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza, in the presence of [REDACTED] of the above Nucleo, and Mr. Vincent Marcaccio; Vittorio Bonmartini stated as follows:-----
About the beginning of January my friend, Amedeo Garzotto asked me to translate into English, a letter addressed to the head of the FBI. I think the contents of the letter and the translation were precisely as I have shown on attached inclosures. While I translated the letter, and from what my friend was saying, I thought it was not a serious matter and for this reason told him that if he received a reply from the head of the FBI, I would pay his admittance to a movie. He insisted he would receive an answer and so I pleased him (by translating the letter).-----
Question: Where did you learn and how long have you been studying English?-----

Answer: For scholastic reasons, I have studied English for three years and I have a liking for foreign languages.-----

Question: In your opinion, what reasons caused your friend, Amedeo Garzotto, to write to the head of the FBI?-----

Answer: First, because it was a bet; then he is full of detective stories, especially those pertaining to the FBI; also he is convinced he wants to go to America and become an investigator, and finally, and I think this was his chief reason, to impress his college friends.

Question: In your opinion, your friend, does he or does he not know who killed President Kennedy?-----

Answer: I think the question is foolish but I believe that my friend Garzotto has convinced himself he knows who had the idea to kill Kennedy. Up to now he has not revealed any name and, therefore, I think his reasoning is all the result of reading too many murder mysteries.-----

Question: Do you have anything further to say?-----

Answer: I wish to emphasize that my role in this matter has been only that of translating the letter into English.-----
I have nothing further to add, and attesting to what I have said above, I hereby affix my signature.-----

/s/ Bonmartini Vittorio

Done, read, confirmed and closed on date and at place as appears above.-----

/s/ Vincent Marcaccio
[REDACTED]