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EXHIBIT COVER SHEET

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

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Exhibit to: Agent Report, dated 4 February 1964, same subject, regarding interview with Vittorio Bonmartini.

Description of Exhibit: Statement furnished by Vittorio Bonmartini

Exhibit IV

DICHIARAZIONE resa da BOMMARTINI Vittorio di Rino e di Marchetto Maria, nato a Vicenza il 26.8.1946, residente a Treviso, via Dal l'Oro nr.24, con domicilio a Vicenza, presso il Convitto Filippini, studente terza classe ragioneria, celibe.-----

L'anno millenovecentosessantaquattro, addì 3 del mese di febbraio, alle ore 14,30, nell'Ufficio del Nucleo Carabinieri SETAF di Vicenza.-----
Avanti a noi [redacted] del predetto Nucleo, assistito dal signor Vincent.MARCACCIO, e' presente BOMMARTINI Vittorio, il quale dichiara quanto segue:-----

Verso i primi del mese di gennaio il mio amico GARZOTTO Amedeo mi chiese di tradurgli una lettera in inglese intestata al Capo della F.B.I.- Del contenuto e la relativa traduzione credo di essere stato il piu' possibile preciso negli uniti allegati.- Indubbiamente mentre traducevo la lettera e dai discorsi che il mio amico faceva pensavo che era una cosa non seria e per tale motivo dissi a GARZOTTO che se per caso avesse avuto una risposta dal Capo della F.B.I. io gli avrei pagato l'ingresso di un cinema.- Lui insistette nella sua presa di posizione e cosi' io lo accontentai.-----

Domanda/:- Dove ha imparato l'inglese e da quanto tempo?-----

Risposta:- Studio l'inglese da tre anni per motivi scolastici, pero' ho una passione per le lingue estere.-----

Domanda:- Secondo lei quali sono stati i motivi che hanno indotto al suo amico GARZOTTO Amedeo a scrivere quella lettera al Capo della F.B.I.?-----

Risposta:- Per prima cosa e' stata una scommessa; poi lui e' imbottito di romanzi gialli, specialmente di quelli polizieschi della F.B.I.; poi perche' e' convinto di voler andare a fare il poliziotto in America ed infine, io penso proprio che sia questo il motivo principale, per fare colpo su di noi suoi compagni di collegio.-----

Domanda:- Secondo lei, il suo amico, conosce o non conosce chi sia stato ad uccidere il Presidente Kennedy?-----

Risposta:- Io ritengo che quella frase sia pazzesca, ma io credo che il mio amico GARZOTTO sia convinto veramente che ^{ha} avuto l'idea di uccidere il Presidente Kennedy. Insisto che fino a questo momento lui non ha mai svelato alcun nome e quindi debbo ritenere che tutti i suoi ragionamenti siano frutti di troppe letture gialle.-----

Domanda:- Ha altro da aggiungere?-----

Risposta:- Desidero solo sottolineare che la mia parte in questa faccenda e' stata solo quella di tradurre la lettera in inglese.-----
Non ho altro da aggiungere ed in fede di quanto sopra ho dichiarato, mi sottoscrivo.-----

Fatto, letto confermato e chiuso, in data e luogo di cui sopra, ci sottoscriviamo.-----

Bommartini Vittorio

Vincent Marcaccio

[redacted]

STATEMENT of GARZOTTO, Amedeo, son of Gino and Maria Agnoletto, born at
Cologna Veneta, Province of Verona, on 28 December 1946, and
residing at Viale Roma #12, Cologna Veneta, single, third year
drafting student at the Fusinieri State Institute of Vicenza
and boarding at the Filippini Boarding School, Filippini
Street #2, Vicenza.

At 1915 hours, on 31 January 1964, at SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza
Military Post, Vicenza, Italy, in the presence of [REDACTED]
SETAF Carabinieri Nucleo, and Mr. Vincent Marcaccio, Amedeo GARZOTTO was
interviewed concerning a letter HE wrote to the FBI, USA, in January 1964.
GARZOTTO stated as follows:-----

I am intensely interested in murder mysteries and have read many written by
American authors. I also enjoy seeing crime movies, especially those that
show the fights between the FBI and American criminals. I have also seen
many war films, particularly those of the last war, and the various operations
performed by the United States Armed Forces.-----

My interest in detective stories is so strong that last year I wrote one
entitled "Two Million Dollars is Too Much."-----

This interest of mine is defined by my classmates as fanaticism but I am
convinced that I have the capability and therefore am not interested in what
they say.-----

I was very much affected by the death of President Kennedy, because I
considered him a just man who was interested in the peoples' problems, and
he had demonstrated firmness with Russia. At the time of his death, I avidly
read the newspapers and became convinced that the President had been killed
by a person who had been paid by those that were against the President's
political policies. During the Christmas holidays, I got the idea of writing
to the head of the FBI to send him New Years greetings and at the same time
to urge him to find the person guilty of the crime.-----

Upon my return from the Christmas holidays, spent with my family, I decided
to write the letter to the head of the FBI. First, I wrote it in Italian,
then I had it translated into English by my friend Vittorio Bonmartini, who
is studying bookkeeping at the boarding school. I copied it and mailed it
to the following address: FBI, Justice Department, Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, Mariland, USA.-----

The letter, more or less, contained the same wording that I have written in
your presence on the attached paper.-----

Question: What were the reasons that caused you to write the letter to the
head of the FBI?-----

Answer: Because I have a great liking for the FBI. Also, because while
I was writing the letter my companions were saying that it was
impossible that my letter would arrive at its destination and be
taken into consideration. Finally, because of a bet with my
classmates and also because I liked to receive a reply. Moreover,
I would have liked to go to the United States to visit the big
cities, and if possible, to join the FBI.-----

Question: In the copy of your letter you wrote "I know who could have had the idea to kill Kennedy," what can you tell us about this?

Answer: Because I was deeply moved by Kennedy's death. Also, reading the newspapers I got the idea who it could have been and I deduced that the principal could be one of high rank and inspired because of racial or antidemocratic reasons.-----
I must add that even before the press doubted the complicity of the Texas police, I had deduced that the plot had been prepared with the participation of the Texas police.-----

Question: In conclusion, do you or do you not know who killed President Kennedy?-----

Answer: I affirm I do not know his name, however, I think it is an important personality who has great influence in Texas.-----
Moreover, I must add that at the time I wrote the letter, and also to boast before my classmates, I said "I know" instead of "I think" who could have had the idea to kill Kennedy.-----

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

Answer: I wish to add that I would very much like to go to the United States to learn first hand everything that I have learned from school books and various newspapers. Moreover, I would like a reply from the head of the FBI to have as a memento and also to show my friends that I was successful in receiving a letter from the FBI.-----
I have nothing further to add, and attesting to what I have said above, I hereby affix my signature.

/s/ Garzotto Amedeo

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

/s/ Vincent Marcaccio

