

by the death of the President, but, also like many Americans, he is not convinced in his own mind that the President's death was due merely to the undirected and uncoordinated act of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that in his conversations with Italian citizens and American citizens in Rome he has on several occasions expressed the thought that there may well be ramifications touching upon the assassination which have not yet been made public. He has never, however, according to VIDALI, indicated in his conversations who he thinks might be involved in the assassination other than OSWALD, nor has he attempted to identify any groups or political entities which might have been involved in any possible plot connected with the assassination. VIDALI stated that he knows of no one, either in America or anywhere else in the world, who might have pertinent information concerning the actual facts surrounding the assassination. He stated that should he by any means come to possession of such information he would promptly report it to this office.

The following background information on VIDALI was furnished by the [REDACTED] on March 9, 1964:

~~VIDALI~~ VIDALI was born of an unknown father and EMILIA VIDALI at Brussels, Belgium, on February 12, 1930. He is single and his residence was shown as 9426 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, California. VIDALI was carried on the rolls of the Ufficio dello Stato Civile (Bureau of Statistics) of Rome, 1931 to 1951, at which time he was removed from the rolls because his location was not known.

VIDALI, coming from the United States, arrived in Italy on August 17, 1962, by air bearing U. S. Passport No. 2044064, issued at Washington, D. C., April 27, 1960. At that time he lodged at Via Giacinto Pezzana 108, Rome. He subsequently left Italy for the United States, returning to Italy on February 21, 1963, again taking lodging at the last mentioned address. On March 7, 1964, coming from Switzerland, VIDALI re-entered Italy. He presently resides at Via Antonio Bertoloni 23, the address at which is located the firm "Autori Associati"

(Associated Authors), which deals in movie films and of which VIDALI is an adviser and stockholder. Among the other stockholders of this firm is one ALDO SALERNO, who was born at Rome, Italy, on February 3, 1901. SALERNO is described as an ex-adviser of the Partito Nazionale Monarchico (National Monarchist Party), who has for some time been retired from the political scene. During the time VIDALI has been in Italy he has not been known to have engaged in any suspect activity.

During the interview with VIDALI on March 10, 1964, the following additional background information was obtained:

In about 1950-51 VIDALI was attending the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado. While there VIDALI met one MARTIN ALBERT, whom VIDALI described as an out-and-out communist. ALBERT attempted to recruit VIDALI for communist activity. VIDALI claims to have reported these contacts with ALBERT to the FBI in Denver and, in addition, claims to have attended CP meetings in Denver upon which he also reported to the FBI. VIDALI stated that ALBERT was a food salesman who used his wide contacts in his sales business to propagandize for the Communist Party among Negro groups.

VIDALI stated that he was again contacted by the FBI at a time when he was residing in Laguna Beach, California, sometime in the mid-1950s. VIDALI stated that at that time he was making extensive trips to Mexico from the United States in connection with mining adventures and he suspects that someone may have reported him to the FBI because of his repeated trips to Mexico. VIDALI claims that at that time he was interviewed by Bureau agents for possible leftist tendencies.

VIDALI exhibited his Selective Service registration card which reflects that he has Selective Service No. 4-134-30-59C, issued by Local Board No. 134, 209 Church Street, Santa Ana, California, on September 26,

1956. VIDALI at the time was residing at 175 Dumont Drive, Laguna Beach, Orange, California. He was classified 5-A on November 9, 1956.

VIDALI stated that he was naturalized as a U. S. citizen in the U. S. District Court in Denver, Colorado, in October, 1958.

He was formerly married to JANET CALCAGNO, who was originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and who is now remarried and residing at 144 Carr Drive, Glendale, California.

VIDALI furnished the following summary of residences and travel:

1930-34 Brussels, Belgium
1934-47 Italy
1948-49 Residing with his mother, EMILIA VIDALI, at Sao Paulo, Brazil. He described his mother as an opera singer who continues to reside at Sao Paulo.
1949 to date - has resided most of the time in the United States, with brief trips to Mexico in connection with surveys for the possible purchase of mines

VIDALI explained that in the recent past he has been associated with a Texas corporation known as Tex-Italia in Austin, Texas. The aims of this corporation are to produce and disseminate motion pictures in the United States and Italy. He stated that to date the corporation has had very little success and has had considerable difficulty in locating financial backing. VIDALI stated that the following individuals are also associated with Tex-Italia:

CHARLES LASATER, President of the corporation, Austin, Texas;
JACK FUNDERBURGH, a builder in Austin;
CLINT STEPHENS, a promoter who allegedly has contacts with potential money lenders in all parts of the U.S.;
KEN MORGAN, Big Springs, Texas

VIDALI advised that he was an illegitimate child, having been born out of wedlock to ALDO SALERNO, an Italian citizen, and EMILIA VIDALI.

One information copy of instant communication is designated for Denver and Los Angeles in view of subject's activities described above connected with areas covered by those offices. For the further information of the Denver and Los Angeles offices, it is to be noted that on February 4, 1964, Mr. ALBERTO COCCIA, mentioned above, advised that VIDALI had claimed to have worked for the FBI at sometime in the past and was threatening to physically harm and possibly kill COCCIA's daughter because she refused marriage with VIDALI. COCCIA stated that the subject had bragged that he had never paid U. S. income tax and that he had trafficked heavily in gold between the United States and Mexico, claiming to have gold ingots buried in Durango, Mexico. By letter dated February 5, 1964, the Bureau advised that the subject was not wanted according to Identification Division files and that there was no record in Bureau fugitive indices on the subject.

Inasmuch as VIDALI apparently has no pertinent information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and since he is not wanted by the Bureau, this office is taking no further action in this matter at this time UACB.