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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Set out below is a true copy of a letter dated January 11, 1964, received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters:

"Vicenza, 11th January 1964

"Mister Edguar 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, that there is for many years. I'd like to know how I could do to enter the F.B.I.

/s/ Gazzotto Amedeo

"My adress:

"Gazzotto Amedeo
Convitto Filippini
Vicenza Italy

"I think to know whom has had the idea of shotting J. F. Kennedy. Do not think that I am an insane person I have (unintelligible) all the vicissitudes of his death. "

On January 31, 1964, AMEDEO GARZOTTO was interviewed [redacted] in the presence of [redacted] of the 163rd Military Intelligence Battalion, U. S. Forces, at the office of [redacted]

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the Southern European Task Forces (SETAF), Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy. GARZOTTO was born on December 28, 1946, at Cologna Veneta, Verona, Italy, the son of GINO GARZOTTO and MARIA AGNOLETTI, and is a third-year drafting student at the Fusineri 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 the letter which he had sent to the FBI in January, 1964.

During the interview, GARZOTTO stated that he is intensely interested in the FBI. He has read many murder mysteries written by American authors and 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, 1963, he wrote, for his own enjoyment, a murder mystery entitled "Two Million Dollars is Too Much".

GARZOTTO stated during the interview that he had been very much affected by the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, whom GARZOTTO had considered to be a just man who was interested in the peoples' problems and because President KENNEDY had demonstrated firmness in dealing with Russia. At the time of the President's assassination, GARZOTTO read newspaper accounts of the incident and formed the opinion that KENNEDY had been killed by a person who disliked the President's political policies and wished those policies to be discontinued.

The idea of writing to the FBI occurred to GARZOTTO during the Christmas holidays, 1963, which he spent with his family, and upon his return to the boarding school at Vicenza he wrote a letter, in Italian. GARZOTTO had a friend of his, VITTORIO BONMARTINI, translate the letter into English. GARZOTTO then recopied the letter in his own handwriting and mailed it to the FBI, Justice Department, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, Maryland, USA. As nearly as GARZOTTO could recall, the letter read 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."

GARZOTTO signed the letter and, as an afterthought, wrote the following: "I know who could have had the idea to kill Kennedy."

GARZOTTO stated that he wrote to the FBI because of his extreme interest in and desire to join the FBI; because he wanted to be able to show the FBI's reply to his classmates; and because of the possibility of visiting the United States if he were to be accepted by the FBI.

On February 3, 1964, VITTORIO BONMARTINI mentioned above, was interviewed [redacted] in the presence of [redacted] at the office of the SETAF, Carabinieri Nucleo, Vicenza Military Post, Vicenza, Italy. BONMARTINI was born on August 26, 1946, at Vicenza, Italy, to RINO BONMARTINI and MARIA MARCHETTO. BONMARTINI 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. BONMARTINI's home address is Via dell'Oro 24, Treviso, Italy. BONMARTINI was interviewed concerning a letter which he had translated from Italian into English for his friend, AMEDEO GARZOTTO. In the letter it was indicated that GARZOTTO knew who had assassinated President KENNEDY.

Concerning this letter, BONMARTINI stated that during the first or second week of January, 1964, GARZOTTO asked BONMARTINI to translate into English a letter which GARZOTTO had written in Italian and which was addressed to the FBI. The letter, to the best of BONMARTINI's memory, read as follows: "Mr. 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 transgression, 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."

BONMARTINI stated that he did not take the matter of the letter seriously and told GARZOTTO that if GARZOTTO

received a reply from the FBI, BONMARTINI would pay GARZOTTO's admission to a movie. BONMARTINI believed that GARZOTTO had written and mailed the letter because of the bet that had been made; because GARZOTTO is an avid reader of murder mysteries and detective stories; because GARZOTTO wants to go to America and become an investigator for the FBI; and, mainly, because GARZOTTO wants to impress his friends. BONMARTINI stated that it was his opinion that GARZOTTO does not know who killed President KENNEDY and that the whole incident was the result of GARZOTTO reading too many murder mysteries and detective stories.

On February 4, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that the records of the Carabinieri at Cologna Veneta, Verona, Italy, and of the Questura (Provincial Police), Verona, Italy, contained no record identifiable with AMEDEO GARZOTTO.

On February 5, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that the records of the Carabinieri, Vicenza, Italy, and of the Questura (Provincial Police), Vicenza, Italy, contained no record identifiable with VITTORIO BONMARTINI.