

Basic Detail Report

Graham Martin and Emilio Colombo

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Graham Anderson Martin (September 22, 1912 – March 13, 1990). Martin was appointed as the USA ambassador to Italy on 30 October 1969 and left this post on 10 February 1973. While Martin was serving as Ambassador to Thailand, his foster son, Marine 1st Lt Glenn Dill Mann, was killed near Chu Lai, South Vietnam, in November 1965. While serving as ambassador to Thailand, Martin came to the attention of Richard Nixon during a state banquet for the Thai King. Nixon was with Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. When the King toasted President Johnson, Humphrey tried to return the toast with a toast to the King. Martin interceded and gave the toast himself, explaining later to both Humphrey and Nixon that as the Ambassador, he was the President's personal representative, and thus, outranked the Vice President. He finished his explanation by saying "If you become President yourself someday, Mr. Vice President, you can be sure that I will guard your interests as closely as I did President Johnson's tonight".

Emilio Colombo (11 April 1920 – 24 June 2013) was an Italian politician and the Prime Minister of Italy from 1970 to 1972. In addition to having held top positions in Italian governments, he was also active in European politics. In November 2003, he admitted to having used cocaine (for "therapeutic purposes") over a 12- to 18-month period.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.3 x 30.3 cm (8 x 12 in.)