

Basic Detail Report

Giulio Andreotti and Franco Evangelisti

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giulio Andreotti was the 41st Prime Minister of Italy and leader of the Christian Democracy party. Over the course of a forty-year political career, being seen as a reassuring figure by the civil service, business community, and Vatican. In foreign policy, he guided Italy's European Union integration, and established closer relations with the Arab world. At the height of his prestige as a statesman, Andreotti was subjected to damaging criminal prosecutions. Charged with colluding with Cosa Nostra, courts found he had broken the links by the eighties, and ruled the case out of time. Franco Evangelisti was an Italian politician, a member of Democrazia Cristiana (DC) and a long-standing follower of Giulio Andreotti. Just before his death, caused by a cerebral hemorrhage in 1993, Evangelisti described to a journalist the alleged secret meeting between Andreotti and general Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, who was assassinated in 1982. During the meeting, Dalla Chiesa showed Andreotti a memorial of Aldo Moro (the president of DC kidnapped and killed by communist terrorist in 1979) containing dangerous revelations against Andreotti. Evangelisti, together with Andreotti, was involved in several scandals. During the Lockheed scandal, he was accused of receiving money by the former chairman of Finmeccanica, and his name (together with that of Andreotti) was connected to the assassination of Michele Sindona, a banker condemned for bankrupt and murder, who was linked to Licio Gelli's secret masonic lodge Propaganda 2

Dimensions

Overall: 21.2 x 29.5 cm (8 3/8 x 11 5/8 in.)