

Basic Detail Report

Giulio Andreotti and Francesco Cossiga

Date

1969-1979

Primary Maker

Grazia Neri

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giulio Andreotti was the 41st Prime Minister of Italy and leader of the Christian Democracy party. At the height of his prestige as a statesman, Andreotti was subjected to damaging criminal prosecutions. The most sensational allegation came from prosecutors in Perugia, who charged him with ordering the murder of a journalist. Andreotti remarked "Apart from the Punic Wars, for which I was too young, I have been blamed for everything that's happened in Italy".

Francesco Cossiga was an Italian politician of the Christian Democracy party. He was the 42nd Prime Minister of Italy from 1979 to 1980 and the eighth President of Italy from 1985 to 1992. He was also a professor of constitutional law at the University of Sassari. He was the cousin of Enrico Berlinguer. Tension developed between Cossiga and Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti. This tension emerged when Andreotti revealed the existence of Gladio, a stay-behind organization with the official aim of countering a possible Soviet invasion through sabotage and guerrilla warfare behind enemy lines. Cossiga acknowledged his involvement in the establishment of the organization.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 30.7 cm (9 5/8 x 12 1/8 in.)