

Giulio Andreotti looking at postcards in the

Capitol Library, on a visit to Washington, November 1975

Date

1975-1975

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. 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. An official visit of Italian Members of Parliament, led by Andreotti, in Washington, 3-4 November 1975. At the time, Aldo Moro was Italy's Prime Minister, and Giovanni Leone its President of the Republic. The US President was Gerald Ford. Andreotti's mission was to meet the Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, to negotiate the USA (and CIA) intervention against the 'Compromesso Storico' (which took place the following year), which would represent a rapprochement with the Communist Party (and in theory with Russia).

Dimensions

Overall: 30.1 x 21.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)