

Basic Detail Report

Giovanni de Lorenzo

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giovanni de Lorenzo was an Italian General and politician. Sifar head from 1955-62; general commander of the Carabinieri from 1962-66; Army Chief of Staff from 1966-67. He became known for his role in the development of so-called "Piano Solo" - an attempted coup during the emergency state after Aldo Moro's kidnapping. During his rising career within the secret service he introduced a decisive novelty in the hiring of journalists: he started working within the left, penetrating - directly or through his envoys - circles within left journalism which had up to that time possibly remained unsuspected and un-contaminated. In this way journals such as Paese Sera and L'Espresso published his dossier against Aloja (Sifar high ranking official instrumental in the hiring of right wing journalists). Thus, a new era opened up in the history of spy-journalism.¹ For more information on Giovanni de Lorenzo's time as director of SIFAR (Information Services for the Armed Forces) please see Carlosle, R. 'Encyclopedia of Intelligence and Counterintelligence' (Routledge, 2015): 337

Dimensions

Overall: 21.2 x 30.2 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)