

Basic Detail Report

Raphael Minichiello's father Luigi Antonio, photographed outside a court hearing for his son, who hijacked an American plane to avoid a court-martial

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Raphael Minichiello's father Luigi Antonio, photographed outside a court hearing for his son, who hijacked an American plane to avoid a court-martial. On October 31st 1969, Minichiello hijacked a U.S. plane bound for San Francisco and took it to Rome. He let the passengers off in Denver and carried on, making stops and to refuel at Bangor, Maine, and Shannon, Ireland. He escaped authorities in Rome but was arrested when tracked down in an Italian countryside church. The Italian government refused to extradite Minichiello to the United States, where he had lived since he was a teenager, (and had fought with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam) deciding instead to try him in Rome— though only for relatively minor offenses such as weapons possession. Minichiello was convicted of a single charge and ended up serving just 18 months in jail.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.2 x 30.3 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)