

## **The Fifth Scenario**

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### **GIULIANO AMATO – PRIME MINISTER 1992-1993**

I WAS INVOLVED IN THE USTICA AFFAIR BECAUSE IN THE 1980S THE FAMILIES TURNED TO THE HEAD OF STATE. THE HEAD OF STATE HAD ADDRESSED THIS LETTER TO THE THEN PRIME MINISTER, BETTINO CRAXI. AT THE TIME, I WAS UNDER SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENCY, AND I WAS TASKED WITH WORKING ON IT. MORE THAN 40 YEARS HAVE PASSED, AND THE ISSUE HAS REMAINED A MYSTERY.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

IN 2014, THE RENZI GOVERNMENT RATIFIED A DIRECTIVE TO OPEN THE ARCHIVES ON MASSACRES, BUT WHEN THE VICTIMS' RELATIVES ACCESSED THEM, THEY COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING.

### **DARIA BONFIETTI - PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

ALMOST EVERYTHING RELATED TO THE USTICA MASSACRE WAS DESTROYED. WE COULDN'T EVEN FIND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ARCHIVE.

### **GIULIANO AMATO – PRIME MINISTER 1992-1993**

THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED THAT EVENT FIRST-HAND MIGHT BE MY AGE BY NOW. IF THEY KNOW THE TRUTH, IT IS TIME TO SAY IT.

### **SIGFRIDO RANUCCI IN STUDIO**

THOSE WHO KNOW SHOULD TALK. THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER GIULIANO AMATO, WHO HAS FOLLOWED THIS MATTER FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS AND CONTRIBUTED TO DISMANTLING THE THEORY ADVANCED BY FORMER PRESIDENT COSSIGA, WHO BROUGHT UP THE FRENCH FOR SHOOTING DOWN THE DC9. THIS THEORY WAS AT THE CORE OF 16 YEARS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF ROME'S PROSECUTION OFFICE AND STILL IS. WELL, 44 YEARS LATER, WE HAVE 19 RULINGS FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAWSUITS. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE CRIMINAL RULINGS SOLVED THE SHOOTING MYSTERY. CIVIL LAWSUITS CONCLUDED BY ASSUMING A MISSILE SHOT THE DC9. MANY OTHER THEORIES HAVE EMERGED OVER THE YEARS, TOO. ONE INVOLVES THE STRUCTURAL FAILURE THAT LED TO THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE COMPANY ITAVIA. ANOTHER ASSUMES THAT THERE WAS A BOMB ON THE PLANE, A THEORY THAT HAS CHARMED SOME CIRCLES OF THE AIR FORCE AND SEVERAL POLITICIANS. FINALLY, THE RULING OF JUDGE PRIORE IN 1999 WAS THE FIRST TO ATTRIBUTE THE DC9 SHOOTING TO A MISSILE BEFORE A CRIMINAL COURT. IN THE RULING, THE JUDGE PROVIDED A PICTURE OF THE EVENTS OCCURRED IN USTICA AND DEFINED IT AS AN ACTUAL WAR, AN UNDECLARED ACT OF WAR. A WAR, AMONG WHOM? THE DOCUMENTS REPORT THE PRESENCE OF FIVE AIRCRAFTS THAT NIGHT ZOMBIE AIRCRAFT THAT EVEN NATO HAD NOT IDENTIFIED. WHOSE WERE THEY? TONIGHT'S ENQUIRY IS AN EXTRAORDINARY WORK OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. TO THIS END, REPORT COLLABORATED WITH CLAUDIO GATTI, A MODEL JOURNALIST WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE DC9 ITAVIA MASSACRE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS. HE WROTE A BOOK, "IL V SCENARIO. SECONDO ATTO", THAT PRESENTS THE FACTS WITH EXPERTISE, FOCUSING ON

DATES, COINCIDENCES AND TESTIMONIES, BUT, MOST OF ALL, ON THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT THAT PROVIDES THE MOTIVE. OUR CORRESPONDENT. LUCA CHIANCA, IN COLLABORATION WITH CLAUDIO GATTI.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

ON 27 JUNE 1980, AFTER ABOUT TWO HOURS OF DELAY, THE ITAVIA AIRCRAFT DC9 870 FOR PALERMO LEFT THE BOLOGNA AIRPORT WITH 81 PASSENGERS ON BOARD. A WHILE LATER, IT FLEW OVER FLORENCE, THEN BOLSENA, AND LEFT THE CITY OF ROME ON ITS RIGHT.

### **DOMENICO GATTI – FLIGHT COMMANDER OF ITAVIA 870**

WE ARE TRAVELLING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7500 METRES AND WE PASSED THE PONZA ISLAND TWO MINUTES AGO TO FLY STRAIGHT TO PALERMO, WHERE WE EXPECT TO LAND IN ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE DC9 INTERRUPTED ITS COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CIAMPINO CONTROL TOWER AND DISAPPEARED FROM THE RADARS. AFTER 8:59 PM, ON 27 JUNE 1980, THE RESCUE OPERATIONS STARTED, AS THE DESPAIR OF THE 81 VICTIMS' RELATIVES, STILL WAITING TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED 44 YEARS LATER.

### **DARIA BONFIETTI - PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

ON THE MORNING OF 28 JUNE, AT THE BOLOGNA AIRPORT, I WAS TOLD THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE 5 AM. I REALIZED THAT, EVEN INTERNALLY, THEY HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND THAT WAS AWKWARD.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE TRAGEDY, WHEN THE CIAMPINO CONTROL TOWER STOPPED RECEIVING SIGNALS FROM THE DC9, IT CALLED THE US EMBASSY, ASSUMING THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CONNECTED TO US DRILLS IN THE TYRRHENIAN SKIES.

### **27/06/1980 - H 9:39 PM - PHONE CALL BETWEEN CIAMPINO CONTROL TOWER AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ROME CIAMPINO CONTROL TOWER**

THIS IS THE TRAFFIC CONTROL OF ROME SPEAKING. WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH AN AIRCRAFT, AND WE SHOULD TALK WITH SOMEBODY. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER NUMBER TO CALL? IF THE PLANE CRASHED, THERE WOULD BE 81 PEOPLE DEAD

### **CIAMPINO CONTROL TOWER - VOICES OF THE STAFF**

WAS THERE A DRILL? WAS THERE A DRILL THERE? A US DRILL?

### **DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

WHAT EVERYONE HAD TOLD ME, OVER THE FOLLOWING YEARS, WHEN I HAD THE POWER TO ASK: WERE WE INVOLVED? EVERYBODY TOLD ME, 'NO, WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS AFFAIR'

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

IN 1980, DANIEL SERWER WORKED AS SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AT THE US EMBASSY IN ROME. A FEW YEARS LATER HE BECAME DEPUTY AMBASSADOR. FOR YEARS WE ASSUMED THAT US AIRCRAFTS TOOK OFF FROM THE SARATOGA AIRCRAFT CARRIER. HOWEVER, LATER WE VERIFIED THAT AIR CARRIER WAS STATIONARY IN THE HARBOUR OF NAPLES.

## **DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

A US AIR CARRIER HAS 6,000 EMPLOYEES. HIDING THE INVOLVEMENT OF A US AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF IT.

## **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

ONCE SET ASIDE THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT, FOR YEARS, JOURNALISTS, EXPERTS AND MAGISTRATES PURSUED THE FRENCH ONE. THAT NIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EVENTS MADE BY FORMER PRESIDENT COSSIGA, A LIBYAN MIG WITH GADDAFI ON BOARD, FLEW BEHIND THE DC9 TO HIDE FROM THE RADARS. IT WAS IDENTIFIED BY FRENCH FIGHTERS THAT ENGAGED IN A BATTLE IN WHICH THE ITAVIA WAS INVOLVED IN THE SKIES ABOVE USTICA. HOWEVER, EVEN THE ASSUMPTION OF THIS SCENARIO HAS BEEN QUESTIONED. AS SHOWN IN THIS TELEGRAM SENT IN 1989 BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN TRIPOLI TO FARNESINA, THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF US OR FRENCH PRESENCE IN THAT CONTEXT.

## **GIULIANO AMATO – PRIME MINISTER 1992-1993**

BUT WHY SHOULD FRANCE HAVE WANTED TO GET RID OF GADDAFI AT THAT MOMENT? AND IF SO, WHY DID THEY HAVE TO USE THIS METHOD, WHICH IS QUITE WEIRD IN FRENCH HISTORY? AFTER ALL, WHEN THE FRENCH ACTUALLY DECIDED TO KILL GADDAFI, BECAUSE THEY DID, THEY BOMBED TRIPOLI.

## **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

TODAY, 44 YEARS LATER, WE HAVE 19 VERDICTS. WHILE THE CAUSES OF THE DISASTER REMAIN LARGELY MYSTERIOUS IN CRIMINAL CASES, THE CIVIL VERDICTS CONFIRM A WAR SCENARIO IN THE ITALIAN SKIES ABOVE USTICA, CONFIRMING THAT IT WAS ONE OR MORE MISSILES THAT BROUGHT DOWN THE DC9.

## **DARIA BONFIETTI - PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

BROUGHT DOWN DURING AN AIR ATTACK, PART OF AN UNDECLARED DE FACTO WAR, OF AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OPERATION AGAINST OUR COUNTRY, WHOSE BORDERS AND RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED.

## **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

IN 1980, VITTORIO RUSSO WAS THE ITAVIA TECHNICIAN IN CHARGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE. HE IS 70 NOW AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE DECIDED TO TALK BECAUSE HE HAD IMMEDIATELY PUT THE MISSILE HYPOTHESIS INTO CONSIDERATION. JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE MASSACRE, HE WAS ASKED TO ANALYSE A FRAGMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT UNDERCARRIAGE COMPARTMENT FOUND IN THE BODY OF A PASSENGER.

## **LUCA CHIANCA**

YOU ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A PART IMMEDIATELY...

## **VITTORIO RUSSO – HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE - ITAVIA TECHNICAL OFFICE 1972- 1981**

IT TAKES ME FIVE MINUTES. THIS FRAGMENT COMES FROM A VERY ROBUST STRUCTURE, IT IS UNBREAKABLE EVEN IN CASE OF CRASH. THE LANDING GEAR HAS TWO BIG SIDE ELEMENTS AND AN IRON POLE LOCATED NEAR THIS CHAMBER FROM WHICH THE FRAGMENT COMES. HERE THE IRON POLE DESTROYED THE CHAMBER ALLOWING THE FRAGMENT TO ENTER THE CABIN.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU THINK IT WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTERNAL OBJECT.

**VITTORIO RUSSO – HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE - ITAVIA TECHNICAL OFFICE  
1977- 1981**

CLEARLY. AN EXTERNAL OBJECT HIT THE AIRCRAFT AND PUSHED ITS SOLID STRUCTURAL PARTS INSIDE THE CABIN TOWARDS THE PASSENGER.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT THAT NIGHT, 3 MILITARY RADARS HAD TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE USTICA SKIES BY FOLLOWING THE DC9 GROUND TRACK.

**MARIO VADACCHINO – PLAINTIFF’S EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

NONE OF THESE RADARS WAS ABLE TO SHOW THE ORIGINAL GROUND TRACKS, SO WE HAD TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON TWO RADARS OF THE FIUMICINO AIRPORT.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT TEN MINUTES AFTER THE ITAVIA 870 TOOK OFF, THE RADAR UNIT OF THE MARSALA AIR FORCE DETECTED AN AIRCRAFT APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH-WEST OF SICILY. A “ZOMBIE, NON-NATO AIRCRAFT.” AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MILITARY AIRCRAFT WAS DETECTED OFF THE COAST OF PONZA ISLAND. THEN, TWO MORE TRACKS APPEARED, THE SECOND OF WHICH WAS A ‘ZOMBIE AIRCRAFT’ TOO.

**MARIO VADACCHINO – PLAINTIFF’S EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

THIS IS THE DC9 TRACK

**LUCA CHIANCA**

FALLING

**MARIO VADACCHINO – PLAINTIFF’S EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

AS IT APPEARS TO THE FIUMICINO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

**LUCA CHIANCA**

AT A CERTAIN POINT, HERE, A SMALL DOT APPEARS TO THE LEFT OF THE DC9, AND HERE IT COMES A SECOND DOT. WHAT COULD THESE DOTS BE FOR AN EXPERT RADAR OPERATOR?

**MARIO VADACCHINO – PLAINTIFF’S EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION OF RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE USTICA MASSACRE**

THEY MIGHT APPEAR AS ANOTHER AIRCRAFT TRAVELLING AT 1000 KM/H. THIS MIGHT BE A FIGHTER MAKING AN ATTACK MANOEUVRE. THIS IS THE TRAJECTORY OF AN UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT. THE ONE THAT, FOR US, PROBABLY FIRED THE MISSILE.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

THAT DAY, THERE WAS CERTAINLY AN AIRCRAFT FLEET IN THE ITALIAN SKIES, AS SHOWN BY THIS DOCUMENT DRAFTED BY NATO AND SUBMITTED TO THE ROME PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE IN 1997, WHICH REPORTS AIRCRAFT FROM THE UK AND OTHER ALLIES, THUS SPECIFYING THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED DOES NOT ALLOW THE UNAMBIGUOUS IDENTIFICATION OF RADAR TRACKS. IN OTHER WORDS,

WE CANNOT BE SURE. WHAT WE CAN CONFIRM, INSTEAD, IS THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST 5 AIRCRAFT WHICH REMAINED UNIDENTIFIED EVEN BY NATO, AS THEY WERE FLYING WITH THE TRANSPONDER OFF.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHO OUTSIDE THE NATO SYSTEM COULD HAVE THE MEANS AND TOOLS TO RUN THIS KIND OF OPERATION, ACCORDING TO YOU?

**DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

SOVIETS, IRANIANS OR OTHER COUNTRIES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.

**LUCA CHIANCA** ISRAEL?

**DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

YES, OF COURSE.

**SIGFRIDO RANUCCI IN STUDIO**

THE US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR IN ROME, SERWER, TELLS US THAT IN ADDITION TO IRANIANS AND SOVIETS, WHO HAD NO INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AT THAT TIME AND MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE MILITARY SKILLS TO FLY AT SUCH A DISTANCE FROM THEIR BASES, THERE WERE ISRAELIS, WHICH INSTEAD HAD THE SUITABLE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS TO CARRY OUT THAT KIND OF OPERATION. MOREOVER, THERE WAS AN EXISTENTIAL MOTIVE: THEIR SURVIVAL. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ON THAT 27 JUNE, THERE WERE FIVE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN THOSE SKIES. THE OPERATION WAS PROBABLY PART OF A WAR CONTEXT. ACCORDING TO THE HYPOTHESIS OF JUDGE PRIORE AND THE CIVIL LAWSUITS, THE DC9 WAS HIT BY A MISSILE, AN EXTERNAL BODY THAT CAUSED SOME OF THE STRUCTURAL PARTS OF THE AIRCRAFT TO VIOLENTLY ENTER THE CABIN. A FEW WEEKS LATER, THE HYPOTHESIS WAS ALSO CONFIRMED BY AN ITAVIA TECHNICIAN, WHO DECIDED TO SPEAK WITH REPORT ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT IN THOSE SKIES. THIS STORY IS PART OF A BOOK BY CLAUDIO GATTI, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS SCENARIO FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, AS HE CONSIDERS IT TO BE THE MOST CREDIBLE FOR HISTORICAL, GEOPOLITICAL AND MILITARY REASONS. ABOVE ALL, THERE IS A MOTIVE. THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL. OUR LUCA CHIANCA TRAVELLED TO THE US, FRANCE, ISRAEL AND CALABRIA, TO COLLECT PIECES OF THIS JIGSAW.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WE MEET CLAUDIO GATTI IN HIS HOUSE IN NY, WHERE HE HAS LIVED FOR OVER FORTY YEARS. HE WORKED AS CORRESPONDENT FOR 'L'EUROPEO' AND 'IL SOLE 24 ORE', AND COLLABORATED WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE FINANCIAL TIMES. HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE USTICA MASSACRE, WHICH BEGAN IN THE LATE 1980S, ENDED TODAY WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NEW BOOK.

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF "IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2"**

WE HAVE LOOKED FOR EVIDENCE ACROSS THE ITALIAN, AMERICAN, LIBYAN AND FRENCH LEADS. WHAT IS THE RESULT? MAGISTRATES GOT NOWHERE AND THE USTICA MASSACRE HAS REMAINED A MYSTERY. A CHANGE IN THE APPROACH WAS NEEDED. WE HAD TO ASK OURSELVES WHETHER, IN THE HISTORY OF AVIATION, IT HAD EVER HAPPENED THAT A CIVIL AIRCRAFT WAS THE TARGET OF AN AERIAL AMBUSH. I FOUND THAT THE ONLY COUNTRY INVOLVED IN SIMILAR OPERATIONS WAS ISRAEL.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

THIS HAPPENED, FOR INSTANCE, WITH THE LIBYAN AIRLINES AIRCRAFT FROM TRIPOLI TO CAIRO THAT WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1973 BY THE AIR FORCE AFTER ENTERING THE ISRAELI AIRSPACE, WITH THE ERRONEOUS KILLING OF OVER 100 CIVILIANS. THEN, IN 1985, ANOTHER OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. TEN FIGHTERS JETS CROSSED THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA ACCOMPANIED BY TWO AIR TANKERS.

**SHAY HERSHKOVITZ - REGIONAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR - IFD INTELLIGENCE UNIT 1994-2006**

THE DISTANCE REQUIRED AT LEAST TWO IN-FLIGHT REFUELLING SO THAT THE AIRCRAFT COULD FLY FROM ISRAEL TO TUNISIA AND BACK WITHOUT BEING IDENTIFIED BY OTHER AIR FORCES IN THE REGION, SUCH AS THE EGYPTIAN FORCES AND, OF COURSE, THE TUNISIAN ONES.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WHO KNOWS THE SECRET OPERATIONS OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE IS SHAY HERSHKOVITZ, FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE WHO HAS WORKED AT THE IFD MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

HOW CAN YOU FLY FROM ISRAEL TO TUNIS AND REMAIN UNDETECTABLE?

**SHAY HERSHKOVITZ - REGIONAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR - IFD INTELLIGENCE UNIT 1994-2006**

BY BLOCKING RADARS AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. IN THIS WAY, ENEMIES CANNOT IDENTIFY THE AIRCRAFT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT APPEAR ON RADARS. MOREOVER, THE AIRCRAFT FLY AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE TO REMAIN OUT OF THE RADAR RANGE.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

SIGNIFICANT PROOF OF THE ABILITY, ALREADY DEVELOPED IN 1980, TO USE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO HIDE FROM RADARS COMES FROM THE FORMER GENERAL ISAAC BEN-ISRAEL, THE THEN HEAD OF THE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH BRANCH OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE, DURING AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH REPORT.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT THE ITALIAN FORCES COULD SEE YOU?

**ISAAC BEN-ISRAEL – FORMER HEAD OF THE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH BRANCH OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE**

THEY ARE INVISIBLE. THE EARTH IS ROUND. YOU CANNOT SEE WHAT HAPPENS HERE. IN SICILY, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE CLOSE TO TUNIS, WITH AIRCRAFT FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 30 METRES, YOU CANNOT SEE BEYOND 20 KM.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT DOES THE TUNIS OPERATION PROVE?

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF "IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2"**

FIRST, IT PROVES THAT THE ISRAELI COULD REACH A TARGET AT A DISTANCE OF OVER 2 THOUSAND KM, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THAT OF USTICA. SECOND, THAT

THEY WERE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT BEING DETECTED BY ANY AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM. THEY BOMBED AND WENT BACK WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING, EXACTLY AS IN THE CASE OF USTICA.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

A RELEVANT TESTIMONY OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED COMES FROM CATANZARO. ON 27 JUNE 1980, AROUND 9:15 PM, TWENTY MINUTES AFTER THE USTICA MASSACRE, LAWYER ENRICO BROGNERI WAS TRAVELLING ON THIS STREET JUST A STONE'S THROW FROM THE LOCAL STADIUM.

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

I HAD TO PICK UP MY WIFE, WITH WHOM I HAD TO MEET NEARBY.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

YOU TURNED HERE

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

ONCE I ARRIVED HERE, I SAW THIS WAR AIRCRAFT.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

AN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER THE CITY AT THIS HEIGHT?

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

YES.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

THE AIRCRAFT SPOTTED BY BROGNERI THAT NIGHT, ARRIVED FROM THE WEST, BEHIND THE TOWN, CROSSED THE STADIUM AND KEPT TRAVELLING TOWARDS THE EAST AT A LOW ALTITUDE.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT COLOUR WAS THE PLANE?

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

IT WAS LIGHT GREY WITH LIGHT BLUE GLARES, AND IT SEEMED TO ME THAT IT WAS ROUGHLY PAINTED WITH A BRUSH.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

AN IMPORTANT DETAIL THAT MIGHT HAVE COVERED THE MILITARY FIGHTER MARKINGS TO AVOID BEING IDENTIFIED.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

I HAVE TWO SCALE MODELS OF LIGHT GREY AIRCRAFT. WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE THE ONE YOU SAW THAT NIGHT?

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

UNQUESTIONABLY THIS.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

NOT THIS ONE?

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

NOT AT ALL. I SAW THE SILHOUETTE, AND IT WAS IDENTICAL.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

A DELTA SHAPE.

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

A DELTA SHAPE WITH A SHORTER REACTOR NOZZLE

**LUCA CHIANCA**

THIS IS AN ISRAELI KFIR

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

I PROBABLY SAW A KFIR, THEN.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WHEN, IN JULY OF THAT SAME YEAR, A LIBYAN MIG WAS FOUND ON THE SILA, EVERYONE LINKED IT TO THE USTICA MASSACRE, ASSUMING IT WAS THE ORIGINAL TARGET OF THE ATTACK IN WHICH THE DC9 REMAINED INVOLVED. BROGNERI, TOO, CONVINCED HIMSELF THAT HE HAD SEEN THAT AIRCRAFT.

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

OVER TIME, ACTUALLY, I REALISED IT WAS NOT THE MIG.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN** AND HE REALISES IT BECAUSE IT RECOGNISES THE PLANE HAD A DIFFERENT SILHOUETTE, A DELTA SHAPE, TYPICAL OF AN ISRAELI KFIR.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

THIS TRIANGULAR SHAPE LEAVES NO DOUBTS.

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

NO.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

IS IT AN ISRAELI KFIR?

**ENRICO BROGNERI - LAWYER**

FOR ME, IT IS, 100%.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

TO PLAN AN OPERATION ON THE TYRRHENIAN SEA, THE ISRAELI WOULD HAVE TO TEST THE ITALIAN AIR DEFENCE. IN JUNE 1980, SEBASTIANO STRANGES FROM BOVALINO, A SMALL TOWN ON THE CALABRIAN IONIAN COAST, WAS ABOUT TO START HIS WORKING SHIFT AT THE OLD FAMILY RESTAURANT, WHEN HIS ATTENTION WAS CAUGHT BY AN OBJECT APPROACHING TO THE COAST BY SEA.

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

IT WAS AN AIRCRAFT FLYING AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE. IT CAME OVER OUR HEADS, CONTINUED FOR ABOUT 2 OR 3 KM AND THEN CAME BACK. IT TURNED AROUND IN THAT WAY FOR 5-6 TIMES, MAYBE MORE, I DON'T KNOW.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT COLOUR WAS THE PLANE?

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

WELL, THE UPPER PART WAS OF AN EARTHY COLOUR WHILE THE BOTTOM PART WAS



GREY. WHAT ACTUALLY STRUCK ME WAS THAT ALL THE AIRCRAFT MARKINGS WERE DELETED.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

THE PLANE WAS ROUGHLY PAINTED IN GREY, WITH THE PAINT COVERING THE MARKINGS. THERE WERE NO VISIBLE MARKS TO IDENTIFY IT.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

I WILL SHOW TWO AIRCRAFT.

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

OK

**LUCA CHIANCA**

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME IF YOU RECOGNISE THE AIRCRAFT THAT YOU SAW AMONG THEM.

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

THE AIRCRAFT THAT I SAW HAD DELTA WINGS.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

LIKE THIS?

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

YES.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

SIMILAR TO THE FIGHTER SPOTTED IN CATANZARO BY BROGNERI FOR THE DELTA WINGS AND THE DELETED MARKINGS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AIRCRAFT. BUT THIS JET, WHICH SEBASTIANO RECALLS TO BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN A KFIR, WAS SPINNING IN THE SKY, APPARENTLY WAITING FOR SOMETHING. AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, TWO OTHER FIGHTERS JOINED IT.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING ELSE

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

NO, ABSOLUTELY.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

AND THEY WENT AWAY

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

I HAD THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE ME

**LUCA CHIANCA**

THEY WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE TYRRHENIAN SEA

**SEBASTIANO STRANGES**

YES, TOWARDS THE NORTH OF CALABRIA

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WHAT PLANES STRANGES SAW, AND WHEN EXACTLY THEY FLEW OVER THE SOUTHERN ITALIAN REGION OF CALABRIA IS UNKNOWN. WE DO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISRAELI AIRFORCE OPERATED OTHER FIGHTER JETS WITH DELTA WINGS: THE A-4 SKYHAWKS. A PHYSICAL TRACE THAT COULD CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF SUCH PLANES ON THE SKIES OF USTICA WAS RECOVERED IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH ON MAY 15, 1992. IT WAS A JETTISONABLE FUEL TANK MANUFACTURED IN AMERICA BY PASTUSHIN AND SOLD TO THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE - SPECIFICALLY FOR ITS A-4 SKYHAWKS, AS THIS DOCUMENT SHOWS.

### **CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2”**

AN AUXILIARY TANK WAS FOUND THAT WAS USED TO EXTEND THE FLIGHT AUTONOMY OF A FIGHTER JET PRODUCED BY AN AMERICAN FIRM CALLED PASTUSHIN, THIS COMPANY, AND IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST I MADE TO THE US NAVY FOR ACCESS TO THE RECORDS, I WAS TOLD THAT THE AMERICANS HAD SOLD AUXILIARY TANKS TO ISRAEL AND THE FIRST COMPANY ON THE LIST THEY GAVE ME WAS PASTUSHIN.

### **GIULIANO AMATO – PRIME MINISTER 1992 - 1993**

FOR YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING SCENARIOS PRESENTING ELEMENTS THAT ARE FAR WEAKER THAN THIS. THERE IS REALLY NO REASON WHY THIS SCENARIO, WHICH IS STRONGER THAN OTHERS, SHOULD NOT ALSO BE SERIOUSLY INVESTIGATED.

**LUCA CHIANCA** DO YOU THINK THIS SCENARIO DESERVES THE ATTENTION OF THE ITALIAN JUDICIARY?

### **GIULIANO AMATO – PRIME MINISTER 1992 - 1993**

I THINK THAT OUR JUDICIARY SHOULD DEVOTE ITS ATTENTION TO THIS, TOO. IT DESERVES IT.

### **SIGFRIDO RANUCCI IN STUDIO**

THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE HAS ALREADY PROVEN ITS ABILITY TO ACT UNDERCOVER AT A LONG DISTANCE FROM ITS BASES, WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVILIANS. THE OPERATION IN TUNIS INVOLVED FLYING OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN AT LOW ALTITUDE, WITH SOME TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT THAT SCANNED FOR RADAR, MADE THEM INVISIBLE AND ALSO IN-FLIGHT REFUELLING, NOW IT IS A NOT INSIGNIFICANT DETAIL THAT A TANK WAS RECOVERED AMONG THE LAST NEAR THE WRECKAGE OF DC9 ITAVIA, WHICH WAS MADE IN AMERICA BUT AS WE HAVE HEARD, WAS SOLD TO THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE. OUR LUCA HAS ALSO COLLECTED THE TESTIMONIES OF THE CALABRIAN CITIZENS WHO SAW SOME JETS FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDES IN THOSE DAYS, UNIDENTIFIABLE AIRCRAFT WITH SYMBOLS AND MARKINGS ROUGHLY COVERED IN GREY PAINT, WHICH WOULD LOOK VERY SIMILAR TO THE ISRAELI KFIR FIGHTERS. MOREOVER, ADDING TO THIS EVIDENCE IS AN EXISTENTIAL MOTIVE OF ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL. IN 1977, THE LABOUR PARTY, WHICH HAD BEEN IN CHARGE SINCE 1948, LOST THE ELECTIONS. WHO WINS IS LIKUD, THE NATIONALIST RIGHT-WING PARTY LED BY MENACHEM BEGIN, CONCERNED WITH IRAQ, AS A COUNTRY IN A PERPETUAL STATE OF WAR AGAINST WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE ZIONIST ENTITY. IN 1975, FRANCE AND IRAQ REACHED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS, LEAVING BEGIN WITH THE CONCERN THAT IRAQ COULD HAVE AN ATOMIC BOMB FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE TRIED TO CONVINCE FRANCE NOT TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION, BUT THEY REFUSED AND SUPPLIED THE AL-TUWAIUTHA CENTRE, TWENTY KM FROM

BAGHDAD, AND THE OSIRAK REACTOR. ITALY ALSO TOOK PART IN THAT NUCLEAR PROGRAMME WITH ENGINEER ACHILLE ALBONETTI, NOW 90 YEARS OLD, WHO MET WITH LUCA CHIANCA.

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

THIS IS SADDAM HUSSEIN, THIS IS IRAQI.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

DID HE PERSONALLY GIVE IT TO YOU?

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

YES, AS A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP. I CONSIDER YOU AS A FRIEND, AND THIS IS A DAGGER FOR YOU. YOU CAN BRING IT HERE AND COULD KILL ME WITH IT, BUT YOU ARE MY FRIEND.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

IN 1976, ALBONETTI TOOK PART IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND INSTALLATION OF A LABORATORY IN IRAQ.

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

I NEGOTIATED THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT THE IRAQI HAD TO GIVE ITALY IN EXCHANGE FOR SUPPORT IN MAKING THE NUCLEAR LABORATORY.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ITALY AND NOT ANOTHER COUNTRY?

**HUSSAIN AL-SHAHRISTANI – HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT - IRAQI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION 1977-1979**

AT THAT TIME, MANY COUNTRIES WERE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH IRAQ AND PROVIDE NUCLEAR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. THAT'S WHY WE ASKED ITALY.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

HUSSEIN AL-SHAHRISTANI WAS ONE OF THE TWO IRAQI SCIENTISTS INVOLVED IN THE ITALIAN LABORATORY DESIGN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OSIRAK REACTOR. IN DECEMBER 1979, HE WAS ARRESTED BY SADDAM'S POLICE AS HE REFUSED TO WORK ON BUILDING THE BOMB.

**HUSSAIN AL-SHAHRISTANI – HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT - IRAQI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION 1977-1979**

I WAS TORTURED FOR 22 DAYS AND NIGHTS TO CONFESS I WAS WORKING WITH WESTERN INTELLIGENCE.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER THAT SADDAM WANTED TO BUILD A NUCLEAR WEAPON?

**HUSSAIN AL-SHAHRISTANI – HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT - IRAQI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION 1977-1979**

JUST BEFORE MY ARREST. WHILE I WAS IN PRISON, SADDAM'S HALF-BROTHER TRIED TO CONVINCE ME BY SAYING THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD HELP US RESHAPE THE ENTIRE GEOPOLITICAL MAP OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

AMONG THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE MILITARY DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRAQI NUCLEAR PROGRAMME WERE THE ISRAELI. IN HAIFA, WE MEET PROFESSOR AMATZIA BARAM, THE GREATEST BIOGRAPHER AND SCHOLAR OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. WHEN THE IRAQI DICTATOR TOOK POWER, HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE MOSSAD.

**AMATZIA BARAM – PROFESSOR EMERITUS MIDDLE EAST AND IRAQ STUDIES - HAIFA UNIVERSITY**

THEY TOLD ME THAT BEGIN, THE PRIME MINISTER, WANTED ME TO ANALYSE SADDAM HUSSEIN ON THE FOLLOWING: WHAT DOES SADDAM THINK ABOUT ISRAEL? HOW DOES HE SEE IT? WHAT ARE HIS PLANS? WHAT DOES HE HAVE IN MIND?

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT WAS YOUR REPLY TO BEGIN?

**AMATZIA BARAM – PROFESSOR EMERITUS MIDDLE EAST AND IRAQ STUDIES - HAIFA UNIVERSITY**

I TOLD EVERYONE THAT SADDAM WAS CERTAINLY COMMITTED TO ISRAEL'S FULL ELIMINATION. WHEN BEGIN READ THIS ANALYSIS, HE SHUDDERED.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

DID SADDAM HUSSEIN BECOME AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL IN THAT PERIOD FOR BEGIN?

**AMATZIA BARAM – PROFESSOR EMERITUS MIDDLE EAST AND IRAQ STUDIES - HAIFA UNIVERSITY**

DEFINITELY. NO OTHER ARAB COUNTRY AROUND US COULD AFFORD A NUCLEAR WEAPON. THREE BOMBS LIKE THE ONE DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO DESTROY ISRAEL.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

FROM JANUARY 1979, HAVING NO REASSURANCE FROM FRANCE AND ITALY, ISRAEL PREPARES A NEW OPERATION, AN ACTUAL CLANDESTINE PLAN TO HAMPER THE IRAQI NUCLEAR PROGRAMME. AT 3 AM ON 6 APRIL 1979, A SECRET WAR AGAINST THE NUCLEAR BOMB BEGAN IN SEYNE-SUR-MER, A SMALL PORT TOWN LOCATED WEST OF TOULON. THE MOSSAD IDENTIFIED THE TARGET. A HANGAR WHERE THE FRENCH COMPANY CNIM WAS BUILDING THE CORES FOR THE REACTORS TO BE SENT TO IRAQ.

**GERARD – FORMER DOCK WORKER OF SEYNE SUR-MER**

IT WAS DARK THAT NIGHT. THOSE WHO PLACED THE EXPLOSIVE IN THE BUILDINGS WHERE THE REACTOR WAS CAME FROM THE SEA.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WAS IT KNOWN THAT YOU WERE COLLABORATING WITH THE IRAQIS HERE?

**GERARD – FORMER DOCK WORKER OF SEYNE SUR-MER**

NO. THE MANAGERS PROBABLY KNEW IT, BUT THE WORKERS DIDN'T, IT WAS A NEW PROJECT, MAYBE EVEN SECRET.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

SO, THAT NIGHT, THE EXPLOSION CAME AS A SURPRISE FOR YOU. YOU DIDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD HAPPENED?

**GERARD – FORMER DOCK WORKER OF SEYNE SUR-MER**

EXACTLY, ONLY AFTER THE EXPLOSION WE FOUND OUT THAT THE REACTOR'S CORE HAD TO BE DELIVERED FOUR DAYS LATER.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

WHO KNOWS THE DETAILS OF THE SEYNE SUR-MER OPERATION IS A FORMER MOSSAD OPERATIVE, VICTOR OSTROVSKY. WE MEET HIM IN ARIZONA, WHERE HE HAS BEEN LIVING FOR YEARS. HE LEARNED ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE FRENCH HANGAR OPERATION DURING HIS TRAINING AT THE MOSSAD ACADEMY.

**VICTOR OSTROVSKY – MOSSAD OPERATIVE 1984 – 1986**

WE WERE TOLD THE STORY BY THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION THAT NIGHT. TO ACCESS THE HANGAR, THEY USED A TRUCK. THEY SHOWED US THE MAPS AND THE OPERATION EXECUTIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

MEANWHILE, IN ITALY, ON 28 FEBRUARY 1980, A TRUCKLOAD OF 23 TONNES OF STEEL STRUCTURES, PIPES AND METAL SHEETS THAT HAD TO BE DELIVERED TO THE IRAQI ATOMIC AGENCY BY LAND DISAPPEARED. A FEW MONTHS AFTER, THREE BOMBS EXPLODED: TWO IN THE SNIA HEADQUARTERS AND ONE BEFORE THE SNIA DIRECTOR'S APARTMENT. ACHILLE ALBONETTI, THE THEN HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED SOME THREATENING LETTERS.

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

I RECEIVED MAIL THREATS AND CALLED THE ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WHAT DID THEY TELL YOU?

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

DON'T WORRY, IT IS THE ISRAELI, BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

DID THEY IMMEDIATELY MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT IT WAS THE ISRAELIS?

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

YES. THEY WERE AFRAID THAT ITALY, WHICH WAS RATHER ADVANCED, WOULD HELP IRAQ TO MAKE A NUCLEAR WEAPON.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

WERE YOU AWARE OF THIS RISK?

**ACHILLE ALBONETTI - HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY 1960-1980**

YES, BUT WE DIDN'T CARE AS THERE WERE 50 MILLION AT STAKE, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND 50 MILLION DOLLARS. IT WAS NOT A JOKE.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

THIRTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE USTICA MASSACRE, MOSSAD PLANNED ANOTHER OPERATION. THE KILLING OF YAYA AL-MESHAD, THE SCIENTIST APPOINTED BY SADDAM WHO WENT TO PARIS IN THOSE DAYS TO VERIFY THE URANIUM QUALITY AND GIVE FINAL AUTHORISATION TO SHIP IT TO IRAQ A FEW DAYS LATER. THE MAN HAD SENSITIVE INFORMATION, LIKE THE URANIUM SHIPMENT DATES, THAT MOSSAD NEEDED TO BLOCK THE LOAD.

### **VICTOR OSTROVSKY – MOSSAD OPERATIVE 1984 – 1986**

WE WERE TOLD HOW THINGS WENT BY THOSE WHO WERE ON THE GROUND. BEGIN DIDN'T ORDER TO GO THERE AND KILL THEM, BUT THE MOSSAD WAS GIVEN FULL DISCRETIONARY POWER TO DO WHAT IT TOOK TO STOP THE PROGRAMME.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

YAYA AL-MESHAD WAS IN HIS HOTEL ROOM IN PARIS. THE MOSSAD OPERATIVES ENTERED THE ROOM AND, ACCORDING TO THE RECONSTRUCTION MADE BY THE FRENCH POLICE, HE WAS BLUDGEONED TO DEATH IN THE HEAD.

### **CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF "IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2"**

MESHAD WAS THERE TO AUTHORISE THE SHIPMENT, AND THE ISRAELI ASSUMED HE KNEW THE DATES OF THE SHIPMENT. THEY TORTURED HIM TO DEATH TO SNATCH THOSE DATES.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

GATTI FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF THE THE DATES PLANNED FOR THE SHIPMENT OF THE ENRICHED URANIUM FROM MARSEILLES TO THE OSIRAK REACTORS IN IRAQ WAS THE DATE OF THE USTICA MASSACRE, AS ALSO CONFIRMED BY THE HEAD OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION IN IRAQ.

### **PHONE CALL BETWEEN CLAUDIO GATTI AND JEAN-JACQUES GRAF – FORMER HEAD OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION IN TUWAITHA**

I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE SHIPMENT ARRIVED ON THE NIGHT OF 27 JUNE. IT WAS A CARGO FLIGHT.

### **LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

HOWEVER, AFTER A FEW VERIFICATIONS, THE SECRETARY OF A TOP MANAGER OF THE COMPANY APPOINTED TO SHIP THE ENRICHED URANIUM, CONFIRMED THAT ANOTHER LOAD WAS DELIVERED JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE.

### **PHONE CALL BETWEEN CLAUDIO GATTI AND THE SECRETARY OF THE COGEMA MANAGER JEAN-PIERRE ROUGEAU**

THE SHIPMENT DATE IS 25 JUNE 1980. THERE WAS A SINGLE SHIPMENT. DEPARTED FROM MARSEILLES.

### **CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF "IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2"**

I FINALLY MANAGED TO DETERMINE THAT THEY HAD SCHEDULED TWO DATES: JUNE 25TH AND 27TH. THE FIRST WAS AN ACTUAL DATE, WHILE THE SECOND WAS A FAKE ONE, ONLY CREATED TO CONFUSE POSSIBLE SABOTEURS; EVIDENTLY THE ISRAELIS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE SECOND DATE.

### **LUCA CHIANCA**

THE DATE OF 27 JUNE, THE SAME DAY THE DC9 WAS SHOT DOWN?

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2” CORRECT.**

A CARGO PLANE MUST HAVE LEFT MARSEILLES THAT DAY, WHERE THE URANIUM WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE, AND THE PILOT MADE THE MISTAKE OF SHOOTING DOWN THE WRONG PLANE.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

HOW COME THEY PICKED THE WRONG AIRCRAFT?

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2”**

EXPERTS TOLD ME THAT THE ISRAELIS ACTUALLY HAD SOMEONE IN MARSEILLES. THEY MUST HAVE SEEN ANOTHER CARGO PLANE TAKING OFF AT THE EXPECTED TIME. PROOF OF THIS IS GIVEN IN A BOOK BY AN ISRAELI MILITARY ANALYST AND JOURNALIST, RONEN BERGAM, WHO PROVIDES A RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EVENT SIMILAR TO USTICA AND EXPLAINS HOW THE ISRAELIS MADE AN IDENTICAL MISTAKE TWO YEARS AFTER THE USTICA MASSACRE BY TARGETING THE WRONG AIRCRAFT DURING AN AERIAL AMBUSH.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

HE REFERS TO THE SECRET OPERATION WANTED BY THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE AIR FORCE WAS ORDERED TO KILL ARAFAT, INCLUDING WHEN HE WAS FLYING ON CIVIL AIRCRAFT. THE ISRAELI FIGHTER JETS MADE FIVE ATTEMPTS TO INTERCEPT HIM.

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**DAVID SANGER - JOURNALIST AND MODERATOR 92ND STREET Y**

ONE TIME, THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT HE WAS ON AN AIRLINER, AND THEY ORDERED HIM TO SHOOT DOWN THE PLANE, EVEN THOUGH THAT WOULD HAVE KILLED MANY CIVILIANS.

**RONEN BERGMAN – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “RISE AND KILL FIRST”**

THE HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE, DAVID IVRY, WAS ORDERED TO CRASH AN AIRCRAFT - A CARGO PLANE - FROM ATHENS TO CAIRO WITH ARAFAT ON BOARD. THE MOSSAD AGENTS IDENTIFIED ARAFAT ON LAND WHILE HE WAS BOARDING THE PLANE. IT ONLY CAME OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ARAFAT ON BOARD WAS NOT YASSER, BUT HIS BROTHER FATHI, HEAD OF THE PALESTINIAN RED CRESCENT, WITH 30 INJURED CHILDREN, VICTIMS OF THE SABRA AND SHATILA MASSACRE.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

CONFIRMING HOW EASY IT IS TO MISTAKE ONE PLANE FOR ANOTHER IS THE HEAD OF THE MISSION THAT FLEW TO IRAQ IN '81 TO PERMANENTLY DESTROY THE OSIRAK REACTOR AFTER ALL PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED OPERATIONS FAILED. IN 1973, HE INTERCEPTED AN ENEMY FIGHTER JET ON THE SINAI.

**ZEEV RAZ – FORMER PILOT OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE AND COMMANDER IN THE OSIRAK RAID 1981**

EVERYBODY ASKED ME, WHY DON'T YOU SHOOT IT? WHY DON'T YOU CRASH IT? SHOT IT DOWN! BUT I HAD A DOUBT. ONLY WHEN I GOT CLOSER TO IT, THE

AIRCRAFT MADE A MANOEUVRE AND I COULD SEE THE STAR OF OUR AIR FORCE ON THE WINGS. I WAS ABOUT TO SHOOT ONE OF OURS.

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2”**

MOREOVER, FROM BERGMAN’S BOOK, WE ALSO LEARN THAT, DURING OTHER OPERATIONS, THEY WOULD TRY TO CRASH A PLANE WITH ARAFAT ON BOARD IN AN AREA WHERE THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA IS PARTICULARLY DEEP.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

MORE THAN THAT, IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS SCARCE RADAR COVERAGE, AS IS THE CASE OF USTICA, WHERE IT TOOK ALMOST TEN YEARS TO RECOVER THE PLANE WRECK DUE TO THE WATER DEPTH.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN** GOING BACKWARDS TO THE 1980S, ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER USTICA, BEGIN WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A MILD HEART ATTACK, TO BE DISCHARGED A FEW DAYS LATER.

**CLAUDIO GATTI – JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF “IL QUINTO SCENARIO - ATTO 2”** THE DAY HE WAS DISCHARGED AND SENT HOME, JOURNALISTS ASSAULTED HIM AND HE KEPT TALKING ABOUT ONE THING: THE FACT THAT THE SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE, AS IT CALLS IT.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN** A FEW DAYS AFTER THE USTICA CASE, THE US AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL MEETS HIM AND REPORTS THEIR EXCHANGE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. BEGIN - WROTE THE AMBASSADOR - STATES THAT IF FRANCE WOULD NOT STOP, THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE ANY KIND OF ACTION TO HINDER THE IRAQI PLANS, REGARDLESS OF THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES THAT SUCH ACTIONS MAY GENERATE. INCLUDING CLANDESTINE AND PARAMILITARY ACTIONS.

**DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

THE CONCERN IS QUITE STRONG

**LUCA CHIANCA**

HUGE

**DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

OK

**LUCA CHIANCA**

SO HUGE THAT ONE COULD IMAGINE AN AIR-KILLING OPERATION IN THE ITALIAN SKIES AGAINST AN AIRCRAFT THAT SUPPOSEDLY TRANSPORTED NUCLEAR MATERIAL?

**DANIEL SERWER – FORMER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR AND US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

THEY MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE WHAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD DO

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**



THE THEN HEAD OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE WAS DAVID IVRY. WE MANAGED TO GET AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH HIM IN HIS HOUSE IN TEL AVIV.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

ON 27 JUNE 1980, ONE YEAR BEFORE OSIRAK, A DC9 CRASHED IN ITALY, USTICA. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT BEHIND THE ATTACK HIDES THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE TARGETING THE FRENCH CARGO PLANE THAT WAS SHIPPING URANIUM TO IRAQ?

**DAVID IVRY – HEAD OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE 1977-1982**

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. I WAS THE HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE. BUT I CAN SWEAR AND SIGN. NO AIRCRAFT OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE HAS ATTACKED A PLANE IN ITALY ONE YEAR BEFORE 1981.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

RIGHT BEFORE, THE ISRAELI HAD ATTACKED THE TOULON BASE FROM WHICH THE MATERIAL HAD TO BE SHIPPED. IN THIS ATTACK, THEY ALSO KILLED THE IRAQI SCIENTIST WHO WAS MANAGING THAT SHIPMENT IN JUNE IN PARIS.

**DAVID IVRY – HEAD OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE 1977-1982**

BEHIND THOSE OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, THERE WAS THE MOSSAD, NOT THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE.

**LUCA CHIANCA**

BUT YOU GOT US USED TO INCREDIBLE OPERATIONS.

**DAVID IVRY – HEAD OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE 1977-1982**

WE CONDUCTED MANY OPERATIONS, SUCH AS THE IRAQI ONE IN 1981, BUT ONCE YOU DROP BOMBS, EVERYBODY KNOWS. YOU CAN ALSO FLY OVER MANY AREAS WITHOUT BOMBING

**LUCA CHIANCA**

SUCH AS...?

**DAVID IVRY – HEAD OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE 1977-1982**

NO. AND SOMETIMES IT IS BETTER NOT TO KNOW.

**LUCA CHIANCA OFF-SCREEN**

THE DAY AFTER THE INTERVIEW WITH COMMANDER IVRY, WE MET SHLOMO NAKDIMON, THEN SPOKESPERSON OF BEGIN, WHO TOLD US HE DIDN'T REMEMBER WHETHER THE FRENCH CARGO CRASH WAS AMONG THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, HE LEAVES US WITH A DISARMING QUESTION:

**SHLOMO NAKDIMON – SPOKESPERSON OF PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN 1978 - 1980**

I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING

**LUCA CHIANCA**

GO AHEAD

**SHLOMO NAKDIMON – SPOKESPERSON OF PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN 1978 - 1980**

DID YOU INTERVIEW DAVID IVRY?

**LUCA CHIANCA**

YES

**SHLOMO NAKDIMON – SPOKESPERSON OF PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN 1978 - 1980**

AND WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?

**LUCA CHIANCA**

HE DENIED THIS THING.

**SHLOMO NAKDIMON – SPOKESPERSON OF PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN 1978 - 1980**

NOW I WANT YOU TO KNOW SOMETHING ELSE. I AM SPEAKING IN GENERAL BUT THERE ARE MORE DRAMATIC THINGS THAT CANNOT BE MENTIONED, NOR TOLD, AT LEAST FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS A JOURNALIST. HERE, IT WAS ALSO ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE. THERE ARE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE SAID EVEN IN SECRET, THEY ARE THINGS THAT WILL NEVER BE KNOWN, AND WILL BE TAKEN TO THE GRAVES BY THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THEM.

**SIGFRIDO RANUCCI IN STUDIO**

THE WORDS OF THE FORMER SPOKESPERSON OF BEGIN ARE INCREDIBLE. IN SHORT, HE SPREADS THE CARDS ON THE TABLE AND SAYS THAT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS OF DIPLOMACY AND ALSO OF THE WORDS OF THE FORMER SPOKESPERSON OF BEGIN ARE INCREDIBLE. MILITARY SECRECY, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT CANNOT BE TOLD EVEN IN SECRET AND WILL BE TAKEN TO THE GRAVE BY THE PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCED THEM. WHO KNOWS WHY HE FELT THE NEED TO SAY THESE WORDS TO LUCA WHILE HE WAS QUESTIONING HIM ABOUT THE SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE TO IRAQ, SUGGESTING THAT SOMETHING UNSPEAKABLE HAPPENED THAT EVENING OF 27 JUNE, DESPITE THE DENIALS OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE COMMANDER. BEGIN WAS TERRIFIED AT THE IDEA THAT IRAQ HAD AN ATOMIC BOMB AND THAT ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE HAD ALREADY RUN OPERATIONS IN FRANCE. THEY MADE AN ATTACK. ACCORDING TO THE WORDS OF A FORMER MOSSAD MEMBER, THEY MADE A HOMICIDE. SOME BOMBS HAD BEEN PLACED IN ITALY, TOO, AND THREATENING LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE SCIENTISTS WHO WORKED ON THE NUCLEAR PROJECT. AND THEN THE DATES. AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE. THE DC9 ITAVIA WAS FLYING ON THAT 27 JUNE. ALONG WITH THE DATES, EVEN THE FLIGHT ROUTE MATCHES IN A MOMENT. THEN, AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED, BUT TO THE WRONG AIRCRAFT. THE IRAQI NUCLEAR PROJECT CONTINUED. IN 1981, ISRAEL RAN ANOTHER OPERATION. SOME FIGHTER JETS FLEW OVER JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND GOT CLOSER TO BAGHDAD, WHERE THEY BOMBED THE OSIRAK REACTOR. A FRENCH AND TEN IRAQI ENGINEERS DIED AND THE AIRCRAFT FLEW BACK HOME WITHOUT COLLATERAL DAMAGE, AS THEY CARRIED OUT THE OPERATION UNDER COVER. THIS IS NOW THE SCENARIO HYPOTHESISED IN CLAUDIO GATTI'S BOOK 'IL 5° SCENARIO, ATTO SECONDO'. THE PIECES THAT LUCA HAS ADDED REPRESENT A BURDEN OF CLUES THAT DESERVE TO BE EXPLORED IN DEPTH, WHICH IS ALSO THE THOUGHT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER GIULIANO AMATO. THE 81 PEOPLE WHO DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ALSO THE COUNTRY, DESERVE AN ANSWER.