

the table, suggesting that there was a fourth person with the Estermanns and Tournay.

2. Neighbors declared that they heard “loud noises,” but not exactly shots, suggesting that the pistol had a silencer. But why would Tournay have used a silencer? And why was it not found?

3. Tournay apparently resented Estermann because Estermann had allegedly “victimized” him. Why, then, also kill his wife?

4. The scenario presumes that Tournay would have formed the decision to kill Estermann over many days. But one of Tournay’s Swiss friends produced a letter from him, inviting her to Rome during mid-May, for which he had already arranged a hotel room.

The murders in the Vatican resemble, in some aspects, the deaths of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed. In both cases, an “easy” official explanation, supported by apparently strong evidence, conflicts with much contrary evidence and, above all, political consistency.

Especially suspect is a story circulated by a Berlin daily, and picked up by a Polish magazine, accusing Estermann of having been an agent of the Stasi, East Germany’s secret police. Such a story would even further obfuscate the truth, by providing Tournay with an ostensible moral justification. Above all, if this allegation were true, then the head of the CIA, Italian intelligence, and expert prosecutors like Priore would be totally wrong about their warnings of a threat to John Paul II, because a permanent threat to him had just been eliminated!

Instead, such rumors are reminiscent of the circumstances of the 1981 attempt against the Pope, when U.S. Sen. Alfonse D’Amato (R-N.Y.) flew to Rome and announced, at a press conference, that it was the KGB, and only the KGB, that was plotting to kill the Pope.

## Who is threatening the Pope?

In reality, as *EIR* reported in 1981, the “KGB” networks which the evidence showed were accomplices of would-be assassin Agca, intersected a network of drug- and weapons-traffickers controlled by the P-2 freemasonic lodge: a “Western” operation. The center of the P-2 was in London, where most “Islamic” and other terrorists, including those making threats against the Pope’s life, are headquartered.

Why is the Pope’s life threatened? Why would London plot to eliminate the life of a great spiritual leader such as Pope John Paul II?

The answer lies in the character of the Pope’s ministry. Aside from the fact that many aspects of his ministry have a very high “political” profile, such as his ceaseless campaign for a just world economic order, and his attacks on free-market economics and neo-Malthusianism, the Pope has been one of the main forces in opposition to London’s strategy for a “Clash of Civilizations,” e.g., warfare between Christianity and Islam. The Pope has led a successful effort for dialogue among the three great monotheistic religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, and among nations dominated by such religions. A further boost to the Pope’s strategy for reconciliation is the coming “Millennium” encyclical, a paper with which the Pope wants to give directions to Catholics at the beginning of the next millennium, selections of which have been leaked by some press. In the new encyclical, the Pope, according to his collaborators, will give “powerful encouragement to man’s reason,” and will promote the unity of religion and philosophy. There is no place for irrationalism in religion, says the Pope, thus inviting all other confessions to address the issue.

Whoever works to undermine John Paul II’s security, is aiming to destroy his work, and to undermine the continuity of his ministry under his successor.

## Propaganda-2 head Gelli flees from house arrest

Licio Gelli, head of the infamous Propaganda-2 (P-2) secret freemasonic lodge, has been a fugitive from Italian justice since at least May 4, when police agents arrived at his house in Arezzo, to take him into custody. Gelli is to serve a jail term, since the appeal of his conviction was denied.

Gelli had been sentenced to an eight-year jail term for complicity in the Banco Ambrosiano failure. Gelli cannot be tried for other, more serious crimes, such as conspiracy, because of the conditions under which he was extradited

from Switzerland. Officially said to be suffering heart disease, Gelli nonetheless has been fully active and, according to sources, is still pulling some strings in the P-2 networks.

Gelli’s most visible initiative has been the launching of several “Lega Sud” (Southern League) projects, beginning no later than 1993, which apparently have not generated strong electoral support. The Southern League groupings, some of which include known Mafiosi, are all part of a British-controlled separatist scheme to break up Italy, which includes Umberto Bossi’s Northern League. One such Southern League formation is led by British-controlled convicted felon Giovanni Di Stefano, and, although connections to Gelli are not proven, Di Stefano’s group is openly financed by “Major Arkan,” the Serbian death squad leader who is currently deployed in Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic’s “ethnic cleansing” operations in Kosova.