

The last testament of lucky luciano

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introduction resulting from conversations between Lucky Luciano and Martin Ghosh, which took place for 10 months a year before gangster death.Mr. Luciano, who emigrated from Sicily in 1906 when he was 9, quickly grew up in the mafia ranks during the twenties. In 1931 he presided over the murder of a mafia boss and reorganized the mafia into a federation of families. In 1936, he was sentenced to 30 to 50 years in prison for prostitution, and 10 years later released and deported as a reward for his contribution to war. The nature of these contributions is still unclear.Mr. Luciano and Mr. Ghosh came together to work on a fictionalized film script about a mafia boss, the introduction says, but the project eventually had to be canceled because the underworld associates of Mr. Luciano vetoed. In retaliation, Mr. Luciano decided to tell his life story to Mr. Gosh for the book, according to the introduction, with the provision that she would not lie, published at least 10 years after the gangster's death. Agreed to CollaborationIn 1972, Mr. Ghosh approached Mr. Hammer, a freelance writer, to help him write a book that was completed about a year later, shortly before Mr. Ghosh's death. Hammer, who previously worked for the New York Times and was nominated for the National Book Award for One Morning at War, which dealt with the mylai massacre, said the first thing he did when asked to collaborate with Mr. Gosh was to learn about it. I checked with some people in Hollywood who said the guy was as honest as Hollywood producers, more honest than most, Mr. Hammer said. He added that he personally did not like Mr. Ghosh, but was convinced that the producer had genuine notes based on conversations with Mr. Luciano and decided to collaborate with him in the book. Roger Donald, who edited Luciano's book in Little, Brown, said the company has two sworn affidavits and three signed letters from friends and relatives who were close to Mr. Luciano and know he was telling his life story to Mr. Gosch.Mr. Donald confirmed that some of the five were sharing in book royalties. But just because a man gets paid doesn't mean he's not telling the truth, Mr. Donald said.Mr. Hammer said the five included Two Sisters of Mr. Luciano, his former mistress, Adriana Rizzo, and his close friend, Rosario Vitaliti. The name of the fifth person was not disclosed. Of those four, Mr. Vitaliti, now in his 70s and living in Brooklyn, was the only one who could be reached for comment. He said that he was in Italy when Mr. Luciano spoke to Mr. Ghosh, and that everything he (Mr. Ghosh) said was true. Asked whether Mr. Luciano had specifically told him that he was telling Mr. Gosh the story of his life, Mr. Vitality said, I am positively confident. He said he and Mr. Luciano's two sisters and two sisters-in-law would share 5 percent of the book's royalties and 5 percent of any movie sales. It is widely known that Mr. Ghosh met with Mr. Luciano on several occasions as part of a interrupted film project, and presumably the gangster recounted his experiences during those meetings. But the contradictions and inaccuracies in the book raise questions to the allegation that Mr. Luciano told his entire story Mr. Ghosh and that everything in the book attributed to Mr. Luciano actually came from him. Little, Brown declined to allow consideration of documents said to check the contents of the book. We want to release all our documents when the book comes out for maxi mom advertising exposure, said Mr. Donald. The book was described in a seine-in-advance advertisement as based on Mr. Luciano's tapes. A full-page advertisement made by Little, Brown in the November 18 issue of Publishers magazine, Weekly, said: Before he died, Charles Lucky Luciano dictated his story to Martin Gosh in retaliation for the fact that the crowd had taken away his pension and power. For a decade, these records were locked in a vault where no one - the government, the mob or the police - could reach them. But now the vault has been opened, and Ghosh has collaborated with Richard Hammer, author of One Morning at War, to compile the most telling story about American gangsterism ever written - from the words of the boss of the bosses. However, Mr. Donald and Mr. Hammer acknowledge that there is in fact no record of Mr. Luciano discussing his career in organized crime. While there is one tape of the man who should be Luciano, Mr. Hammer said, he deals mainly with the weather in Naples. Wrong thing' stressedMr. Hammer and Mr. Donald said the ad in Publishers Weekly was the result of a misunderstanding. This was copied from an ad put out by Penthouse when he serialized part of the book, Mr. Hammer said, adding that he had sued the penthouse for misrepresentation. Irwin Billman, penthouse's executive vice president, said no documents have been filed with the magazine yet. There have been some preliminary discussions with Mr. Hammer that we consider unfounded, he said. Bill Guthrie of Little, Brown, who was in charge of advertising production, said he was influenced by the Penthouse ad and the discussion he had at the company. When I was told the backstory of the book, I focused on the wrong tapes, he said. No one has corrected the nonformation given to me. He declined to say who gave him the information for the announcement. Harold Rosenthal, a spokesman for the New American Library, which recently won a paperback auction for the book. Said: We were assured that there was one tape, a box full of notes, and the material was checked by law enforcement. Mr. Donald Little, Brown said, however, that the material on which the book was based was not shown to law enforcement during the course of the study. Mr. Hammer said he was convinced that Ghosh's notes were genuine in that Ghosh was meeting Luciano... The fact Adriana Rizzo (the gangster's mistress) says she knew about these encounters... and little anecdotal things that Ghosh just couldn't think of. The original DestroyedHe notes added that the original notes were in the possession of Mr. Ghosh's widow, Lucille.Reached in Las Vegas, where she life, Ms. Ghosh said, she destroyed the notes. She said that her husband had made tapes for Mr. Hammer in which he discussed the material in the notes, and that after that she did not think it was necessary to keep notes themselves. I'm not a lawyer, she said.Ms. Goso said she attended several times when Mr. Luciano recounted some of his underworld experiences to her husband. She added that the two men met about 30 times. Informed that Ms Ghosh had destroyed the original notes, Mr Hammer said: It frustrates me very much. Mr Hammer said he never made any copies of the notes because at first it just didn't occur to me... and then, when it happened, Mr. Ghosh and I didn't say, I never thought anyone would destroy the notes. I've learned a bitter lesson. He added that he and Mr. Dosh stopped talking after disagreements about how the book should be written. He began to think he was a writer, he said of Mr. Gosch.Mr. However, Hammer stated that he was not surprised that Mr. Gosh did not have any significant records of Mr. Luciano or the signed statement reviewing his records. Maas Luciano's comment would have to be out of his mind to sit with a tape recorder, he said. What kind of guy in his place will be. . . According to Peter Maas, Frank Costello, Luciano's successor as the top mafia boss, agreed to this arrangement shortly before his death in 1973. Mr. Maas, author of the Book of Valachi Papers, said that Mr. Costello had agreed to talk about his life on film and sign documents for Mr. Maas's future memoir to be write.Mr. Costello's death interrupted the collaboration, and Mr. Maas said he abandoned the project because Mr. Costello had not told him enough to book.Mr. Maas, who read Lucky Luciano's Last Testament, said it was almost an accurate compilation of all available published material on organized crime in general and Lu Ciano in particular. Mr. Maas said that every twist in the evolution of the mafia and each resulted in the murder of gangsters parallels the historical account given by Joseph Valachi, the mafia turned out to be informant.Mr. Hammer agreed that the similarities in the history of the mafia related to the Valachi and Luciano accounts the question the book poses, but he added: One of the things you have to understand is that, assuming that what says Gosh is more true that I suppose Luciano told him this in 1961 before he died. The Wallabies haven't resurfaced in a year. But the similarities between Luciano's book and Valachi Papers are not limited to parallel mafia stories. In the Wallahi Papers, Mr. Maas incorrectly wrote the name of the conspirator in the 1931 murder of Salvatore Maranzano, paving the way for Mr. Luciano's mafia rule. The conspirator's name was Girolamo Santuccio, but Mr. Maas wrote it to Santucci. So did Mr. Hammer, who said the mistake may have been his fault because he checked the names in Luciano's book against the index in The Documents and may have taken a typo. The story of NicknameErrors in Luciano's book concerns more than typos, however. For example, the nickname Lucky was often attributed to the 1929 incident in the books, when Mr. Luciano was taken for a ride on Staten Island and survived. In the Last Testament, Mr. Luciano is cited as repeating this story about how he got his nickname. But an article in The New York Times dated October 18, 1929, describing Mr. Luciano's trip the previous night, during which he was brutally beaten and stabbed, begins with Charles (Lucky) Luciano. . . which shows that Lucky's nickname was already in general use prior to the incident. Mr. Hammer said that Mr. Luciano may have believed 1971.Mr the legends of him. Mistakes from other books, including some of my own, are repeated here and put in Lucky's mouth, he said. Things are credited to Lucky that he could not say, Lawyer Luciano Comments As an example of what Mr. Luciano could not say, Mr. Messick mentioned the description attributed to Mr. Luciano about the luxury opening of the Beverly Club, a casino near Covington, icy. Mr. Luciano is quoted as saying that he attended the inauguration with partners Meyer Lanky and Frank Costello.But Mr. Messick said that the casino did not open until 1937, when Mr. Luciano was in prison after his conviction a year earlier for mandatory prostitution charges.Mr. and said that not 5 percent of the accounts bear any resemblance to reality. He said the book described Francis W. H. Adams, who was later to become a police commissioner, as a participant in Mr. Luciano's defense during the 1936 trial, but Mr. Adams did not come to the case until appeal.Mr. Hammer said that Luciano had said that Adams was at trial and that his own investigation showed that Mr. Adams was one of the lawyers.Mr. that he wasn't on trial. I came later, he said. I've never met Luciano in my life. Luciano's book also quotes a mafia boss, Describing the meetings and conversations after he was charged in 1936, which is unlikely because Mr. Luciano never made \$350,300 bail and was incarcerated, according to Mr. Polakoff.At One Point, the book says that Mr. Luciano's bond was quickly placed and he held a meeting at his Waldorf Towers apartment with several underworld accomplices and Mr. Polyakov. But Mr Polakoff said: The link has never been posted. In any case there was no such meeting. I was in his Waldorf apartment. Describing it, Mr Hammer said: If he doesn't make bail, he raises the main question about this section of the book. He later said: Luciano was very persistent about Mr. Gosh that he came out. Maybe he secretly came out at night. He was an influential man and everything was possible in those days. A spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney's office said after checking records that Mr. Luciano did not make bail and was placed in the old Raymond Street prison in Brooklyn.Confused Memories When other factual errors in the book were listed as Mr. Hammer and Mr. Donald Little, Brown said that confused memories are inevitable when a man looks back at his life in old age as Mr. Luciano did. But questions about Luciano's book are not just related to flashbacks, but also events that did not occur in gangster lifetime.Mr. Luciano is quoted as saying in 1961 that the casino in the Bahamas in which Meyer Lansky had interest was doing a booming business but the casino was not opened until January 22, 1964, when Mr. Luciano was dead two years. Asked about it, Mr Hammer said: If Ghosh did that a bit of an up, I don't think there's much else he's done: I think the rest of the book is hanging. 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