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Perhaps the happiest of the defendants, after Vito Badalamenti, was the elfin Mazzurco, who, the jurors decided, had not supervised five others and so did not get convicted of the more serious counts of helping mastermind the conspiracy. "It was the only time," said grinning defense lawyer Joseph Benfante, "where I got hugged and kissed by a convicted client facing thirty years." Mazzurco could be eligible for parole, Benfante calculated, in a mere ten years.

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