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TO Chief of Mission,                      DATE                       
FROM Chief, WE  
SUBJECT { GENERAL  
          SPECIFIC Leon DEGRELLE

REF: WBB-1896, WBBW-1273

1. The following information on Leon DEGRELLE, a Belgian citizen who collaborated with the Germans during World War II, is transmitted for your information and for any interest which [For. Govt] may still have in Subject. This information was reported to Headquarters by a usually reliable source in OSI-426, 14 September 1954, which was not sent to
2. Subject fled to Spain when the end of the war was approaching. His plane landed on the beach of La Concha in San Sebastian, and in the landing he suffered a broken leg. He was hospitalized in San Sebastian but disappeared from the hospital a few days later. His exact whereabouts remained unknown, although it was rumored that he had gone to South America and Portugal. This was never verified and the story persisted that he had never left Spain.
3. Recently it was reported that DEGRELLE was living in the small village of Constantina in the province of Sevilla. He has a magnificent ranch called "La Torre", a few kilometers from the village, and enjoys considerable prestige with the local authorities and the people of the village. He is also visited by many friends from elsewhere.

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