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TO: SAINT WASHINGTON

FROM: SAINT LONDON (German Section) *AB-055-G*

SUBJECT: *O* Report on Sturmbannfuhrer SKORZENY and Abteilung VI 3 of Reichsicherheitshauptamt, Prepared by SCI, 12 Army Group.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a report prepared by SCI, 12 Army Group which will, we think, be of interest to you.

2. Copies of this report were sent to Sixth U.S. Army Group and to 21st Army Group (British) by Saint Paris, to Saint Bari and to Saint Caserta.

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SCI Det. 12 Army Group

9 December 1944

TO: Chief, G-2, CIB, 12 Army Group

SUBJECT: Report on Sturmbannfuhrer SKORZENY and Abteilung VI 8 of Reichssicherheitshauptamt, prepared by SCI, 12 Army Group.

1. A number of recent interrogations of agents caught in France, some of them in 12 Army Group area, diffuse considerable light on the personality and activities of Sturmbannfuhrer SKORZENY, the "liberator" of Mussolini. They prove that he has become an outstanding personage of the offensive element in German Intelligence. An officer of exceptional vigor, from him and his section we can expect a barrage of projects running the gamut from ordinary sabotage to spectacular feats similar to the kidnapping of Il Duce in September, 1943.

2. SKORZENY is chief of Amt VI 8 of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt or German Security Headquarters, and as such comes under SCHELLENBERG, head of Amt. VI. He appears to have taken over the control of the former Abteilung II, or Sabotage Section, of the Abwehr. Peter SCHAGEN, SD agent captured by 21 Army Group, says SKORZENY was in Paris in February with his adjutant, Major BALMANN, and that they were in process of assuming control over Abteilung II from Baron FREYTAG-LORINGHOVEN.

SKORZENY is mentioned as having various headquarters and as being interested in several German Intelligence installations. One office is at the headquarters of Amt VI, 32 Berkaerstrasse, SACHSEN-Berlin. His principal headquarters, however, are at SAXENHAUS, a suburb of ORIANENBOURG, about 55 kilometers outside BOTTICH.

3. Simone DESIRENT, an SD agent captured by the American 7th Armored Division, stated under interrogation that in SAXENHAUS there are three or four large buildings surrounded by barracks where about two or three battalions of SS soldiers lead a regular barracks life which is a blind for the more important operations going on. These operations, she says, consist of training men and women from all parts of the world for sabotage and special intelligence undertakings.

4. SKORZENY has his office and files in a small chateau called Jagdschloss, or hunting lodge, which is the administrative headquarters. Other agents have spoken of this as Schloss Friedenthal.

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It is here that agents are instructed and dispatched. The agents, during training, are in uniform and, to all appearances, just other SS personnel. SKORZENY lives in ORIANENBURG. DESIRENT says that the Wehrmacht does not know what is going on in the Jagdschloss, but is trying to find out.

5. Ludwig NEBEL, SD agent caught in 6th Army Group area, gives an excellent indication of the range of SKORZENY's activities and plans. NEBEL himself was entrusted in October 1943, with organizing a submarine trip for agents to the CONGO - which did not materialize. He was then sent to France to intercept a Hungarian diplomat coming from LISBON and separate him from his documents and baggage - the order was changed by the Foreign Office in BERLIN, and NEBEL was required solely to shadow the diplomat to BERLIN. In November 1943, NEBEL was to be part of a project to kidnap Marshal PETAIN. Later he was given a mission to blow up the Danish Student Union in COPENHAGEN. He was also instructed to build up a resistance movement in PARIS, to uncover sabotage in French factories working for Germany, to prepare factories for demolition, to set up depots of ammunition explosives in the BELFORT area, and to blow up a pipeline crossing France.

6. Alfred NAUJOCKE, SD official captured by First Army, confirms SKORZENY's ventures in Denmark. He says that SKORZENY commanded a band of picked SS men who had received training in sabotage and shock tactics. His intention was that members of the Unit should carry out offensive counter-sabotage. Whenever Danish patriots destroyed a factory working out for the German war machine, SKORZENY's unit was to blow up, by way of reprisal, a factory working only for the Danes.

7. In general, we receive an impression of SKORZENY's projects cascading from a restless mind so fast that many of them become abortive.

8. Pierre M. SWEERTS, SD agent caught by 21 Army Group, states that SKORZENY comes under Brigadefuehrer SCHEILENBERG, chief of Amt VI, but that he is directly responsible to KALTENBRUNNER, head of the RSHA, and to HIMMLER alone. SKORZENY draws his finances directly from Amt II. SWEERTS says that the training group near ORIANENBURG includes many nationalities and mentions Roumanians and Arabs. According to SWEERTS, SKORZENY prepared an elaborate mission for Africa consisting of W/T operators, saboteurs, Intelligence agents, and a doctor.

9. SKORZENY is reported to be on the outs with many of the old leaders of German Intelligence. An interesting reflection in this connection is given by SWEERTS in commenting on the Intelligence training Naval Institute, at WANSEE. He says that both the director, SIEPE, and his deputy, IISE, although quarrelling both themselves, agree in quarrelling with SKORZENY, who calls the Institute a "nest of traitors", apparently because of the number of Alsace-Lorrainers it employs.

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10. SKORZENY is also commander of the 502 SS Jaeger Battalion, from which he can be expected to draw likely sabotage and special assignments agents. Another ripe source for recruitment may well be the Kurfuerst Leirregiment, of the Brandenburg Division which has been brought under the direct control of the RSHA. It is probable that the Brandenburg Division itself, which formerly provided many agents of this type, will change to a purely military character, and that its special and sabotage activities have been taken over entirely by SKORZENY.

11. Fritz Wilhelm LORENZ, SD agent captured by First Army, gives the following biographical notes on SKORZENY. He was born in Vienna about 1906. He was a member of the Luftwaffe and from there transferred to the Waffen SS Division Das Reich. He left this division in 1941 to take over the direction of the southern European section of Amt VI of the RSHA. He then went to Italy, "liberated" Mussolini, was decorated with the Ritter Kreuz and promoted to his present rank of Sturmbannfuhrer (Major).

12. ENGO LA HAYE, SD agent captured by the 7th American Armored Division along with DESIRENT, describes SKORZENY as follows: Austrian; about 40 years old; height about 6ft 3 1/2 inches; very powerful build; brown short hair brushed back; round, scarred face; sun-burnt complexion; large nose; very strong chin; large hands; speaks Italian.

13. NEBEL makes him even taller, about 6 ft 4 1/2 inches; with dark wavy hair; prominent ears; believed to be deaf in one ear; speaks with a Viennese accent. NAUJOCKS gives him a weight of 194 pounds, with grey-green eyes, oval face, heavy cheeks, brownish complexion, coarse hands. Jean P. FICKEL, SD agent captured in 21 Army Group area, credits him with a speaking knowledge of Arabic. He wears both SS uniform and civilian clothes.

14. From what we know of SKORZENY, it is reasonable to conclude that, whatever plans are being made at present by German Intelligence for the period following the defeat of Germany, SKORZENY is playing a major role in their formation and will take an equal share in carrying them out.

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