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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. C. D. DeLoach

FROM: W. G. Wyman
Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Otto SKORZENY, alias Rolf STEINRAUER

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 27 March 1951 requesting information on the activities of Otto SKORZENY.
2. The information given below concerns SKORZENY's recent activities only. It is understood that detailed biographical information on the subject is obtainable from the Department of the Army.
 - a. SKORZENY reportedly escaped on 25 July 1947 from the Ludwigsberg civilian internment enclosure, where he was being held by the Germans for trial in connection with his former Nazi activities. During 1949 and 1950 he was at various times reported to be in Germany, Italy, Spain and Argentina.
 - b. Fairly reliable sources in Germany reported that SKORZENY was in Germany in the summer of 1950. He is reported to have approached several former German generals, among others Bogislav von FOMIN and Heinz GUDERIAN, and to have stated that he was arranging for the removal of up to 200,000 men to Spain in the event of war. He is reported to have claimed to have United States approval and support for this project. SKORZENY is said to have told GUDERIAN that he was leaving soon for Spain.
 - c. Reports received by this Agency since December 1950 indicate that SKORZENY's current residence is in Madrid, where he is living under the alias of Rolf STEINRAUER. He is reportedly on intimate terms with a Countess ~~KINKESTEIN~~ (or FINKELSTEIN), with whom he resides at 70 Calle

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Lopez de Letona, Madrid. Subject's presence in Madrid has been confirmed by several sources of this Agency and also by the report of a United States citizen to the United States Intelligence Office, Third Naval District.

d. According to one of this Agency's sources referred to above, E. J. Factoral works as an engineer, but devotes much time to private discussions of his "plan" to train the best potential German military elements in Spain for training. Source believes that the NK would willingly give up his normal assigned job to carry out this or a similar mission, and he adds that although he is not in need he could use more money. E. J. NK apparently does not receive systematic reports from Germany, but he is in correspondence with various former German officers who may be, according to source, well-organized. The same source reports that on an unspecified date E. J. NK was approached in Germany by a former German aircraft officer who offered him reinstatement of rank, quarters, and back pay in the "last German Army".

e. According to the most recent reports received from Madrid, E. J. NK is among the personalities involved in actively promoting closer German-Spanish industrial and financial ties, and he was a constant companion of Fritz HESS during the latter's recent trip to Spain to inspect Spanish aeronautic production facilities.

3. E. J. NK's schemes for a future role in German resistance or intelligence appear at present to be leading him into political activities conflicting with the views of more stable German elements. This could result in damage to U.S. intelligence interests in Spain or Germany, and in view of the preparedness for such an eventuality we are interested in collecting all possible information on E. J. NK's plans and activities. This Agency, however, is not using, nor does it plan to use, E. J. NK operationally.

4. The information furnished you on E. J. NK by your confidential informant resident in the United States is substantially correct, and in order to avoid false consideration of other reports on this subject we are appreciative being informed of the identity of your informant.

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5. It is requested that the above information not be disseminated outside of your Bureau.

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cc: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army

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