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TO : Chief, Foreign Division H

DATE: 20 March 1951

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL-

SPECIFIC- Otto SKORZENY, alias Rolf STEINBAUER

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1. Some recent correspondence on subject from Bureau de Circulation, Madrid (HICOM Permit Office) to the Tripartite Combined Travel Board in Bad Salzufflen was called to our attention by the Office of Intelligence, HICOG. The more pertinent parts of this correspondence have been summarized below.

2. In a letter of 15 January 1951, the Bureau de Circulation, Madrid, advised CTB, Bad Salzufflen that subject had been furnished a Spanish passport as a stateless person of German origin by the Spanish police authorities under the name of Rolf STEINBAUER. This is the alias subject is using in Spain. The Spanish police are, of course, fully aware of subject's real identity. Shortly thereafter, subject made an application to the HICOM Permit Office in Madrid for an Entry Permit to Germany. This was refused by the Permit Office because subject's passport was not in his real name, and, because his passport listed him as a German, although he actually is an Austrian National.

3. On 9 February 1951, Mr. R. Hudson Smith, chief of the Madrid Permit Office, wrote CTB that subject had returned to the Permit Office, this time armed with a Spanish Special Passport made out in his correct name and giving his origin as Austrian. Because of subject's notoriety, although he does not appear on the CTB Restricted List, Mr. Smith thought it wise to check with CTB, Bad Salzufflen, prior to granting the Entry Permit. CTB raised no objections to the request and on 26 January 1951, Skorzeny was issued Entry Permit No. 5826, valid for one month.

4. The Madrid letter further states:

"Subject is ostentatiously here under cover, but his presence here is fairly common knowledge and he has even given interviews to the press. He claims to be here in his profession as a technical engineer and holds various German patents, which he states he wishes

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to sell to Spanish business houses. We have no information as to whether he is indulging in political activities, although from a reliable source it is learned that he has had one, if not more, interviews with Degrelle.

"Subject maintains he is still working on a rather grandiose plan for escape lines for German technicians and other valuable German personnel to be used in the eventuality of the outbreak of war. He claims full details of these plans are in possession of the French, English and American General Staffs."

5. In the last paragraph of the same letter, Mr. Smith makes the following field comment:

"It is not considered that subject falls under any paragraph of Secret Instructions No. 260 of 2nd June 1950."

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