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SUBJECT: Activities of Otto SKORZENY in Spain

A member of the German diplomatic mission at Paris has remarked to an officer of this Embassy that reports are continuing to be received in Bonn to the effect that Otto SKORZENY is in the employ of certain United States agencies in Spain. He pointed out that if such reports were true, this would be very much regretted by the German Federal Government particularly in the light of the KEMRITZ affair which has, as he said, alerted German public opinion to the problem of prominent ex-Nazis being possibly used by American counter-intelligence agencies. A dispute allegedly exists between one SS Colonel General DOERR, allegedly also in Spain at this time, and Skorzeny, with each of them holding himself out to be a favored position with respect to contacts with American authorities in Spain. Both of these persons being distinct political liabilities, the German mission officer said, such a dispute merely draws attention to the possibility that the services of at least one of them may in fact be utilized by the U.S. He offered his services in exchanging any further information on this subject. -- Inasmuch as the Federal Republic does not yet at this time dispose of any representation in Spain, it would appear that the German diplomatic mission at Paris is fulfilling certain reporting functions with respect to Spain during the interim period.

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