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The following information was obtained by a usually reliable source in conversation with Otto SKORZENY:

1. Otto SKORZENY is working for the organization of an European Commando Corps which he feels would be of the greatest value in event of war with Russia.
2. He has just completed a 16,000 kilometer tour of Germany, during which time he endeavored to line up some commercial connections as a means of supporting himself and his wife in Spain, but he took full advantage of the opportunity to contact military figures from Germany and the Iron Curtain countries who might be counted upon to support the European Commando forces he hopes will materialize.
3. SKORZENY said that he had met with trusted figures from several Iron Curtain countries, including Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Latvia and Rumania, and that they assured him they would back him to the utmost. He said that some 4,000 remnants of the famous Rumanian Iron Guard are still secretly paying 15 % of their incomes as private individuals toward the maintenance of the Guard, and may be counted upon to support the commando project.
4. Many Germans and Italians are in favor of the project, according to SKORZENY. He said he found more "activists" in Germany than he had imagined would exist at this time. There is a feeling there that something should be done, and done quickly.
5. SKORZENY's plan calls for the organization at first of a tight corps of some 300 seasoned men from each of some ten countries. He feels that a corps of 3,000 would be best to start with, as a larger force would be too cumbersome. Later this could be gradually enlarged, with the 3,000 specially trained men acting as officers to train newcomers.
6. Spain would be the place to set up the training base, SKORZENY said. He said he had been in touch with high Spanish officials and that they strongly favor the project, if it can get United States approval and support. Such support would be indispensable, SKORZENY added. The corps would have to depend upon the U.S. for all technical and financial assistance, equipment, ^{classification}

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7. SKORZENY said that he had already forwarded a rough outline of his project to the Pentagon, but that he would like to confer personally with General COLLINS, if that could be arranged. While in Germany he said he conferred several times with a Colonel MEADOWS (phonetic spelling) and that these meetings were "very encouraging."
8. SKORZENY said that he personally hesitated to make any great open campaign for the organization of the European Commando Corps because he was afraid the Leftists abroad would immediately brand it as a Nazi enterprise. The movement must have a slogan, he feels, but it should be a positive slogan rather than carry just an anti-Communist label. It could hardly be termed a "democratic" organization, he said, because of the various countries which would be represented, many of which do not understand "democracy" as defined by Americans.
9. He said that he felt that the United States should take the lead in promoting the project. If so, he would be willing to assume leadership. He said that during his tour of Germany he was assured by many German and other military men that they would rally behind him if he is named to direct the organization. He refers to these men as "my men."
10. Asked how the selections for the proposed commando corps would be made — whether on the basis of their war records or their political leanings — SKORZENY said: "It would be impossible to divorce such a movement from politics altogether. But we know the men who can be trusted, who by their understanding of the issues at stake, by their daring and courage, would be the men to select."
11. SKORZENY said he found a great deal of criticism of United States procedures while he was in Germany. He said that he felt that McCLOY was being poorly advised in many cases, particularly by BUDENWEISER (phonetic spelling). This adviser, he said, counselled the export of German coal, and said exports sold at around \$12 to \$14 per ton. Germany then had to turn around and import American coal at around \$40 per ton.
12. He said that the Free Europe broadcasts were poorly conceived. The PROBENES broadcasters, he said, have been trying to persuade the people of Czechoslovakia that the course taken with the Sudetans has been correct. As a result, there are some 3,000,000 angry Sudetans, he said.
13. SKORZENY said that he had accomplished a good piece of commercial business while in Germany. He had lined up with the important construction firms of HOTZMAN and BERGER, of Hald (phonetic spelling) near Cologne, to start the production of a special "iron dust" in Spain. This iron dust, by special process, can be pressed cold into many useful products, for example ball-bearings and engine parts.
14. SKORZENY said that a plant for the utilization of such "dust" had been set up near Barcelona under the direction of German technicians in 1943, but that because of British pressure on FRANCO, it had never operated. He said that this plant could be put into working order very soon, if it gets financial support. SKORZENY is to have charge of operations if the plant does get started, he said.

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15. ^X Otto WOLFF (phonetic spelling) whom SKORZENY described as a "great technician," met with him several times while he was in Germany, SKORZENY said.
16. SKORZENY denied reports that meetings are now being held here to organize any military body of a Fascist nature. He said that he believed such rumors were traceable to his known attitude on the European Commando Corps project. However, there are a number of prominent German and Italian, to name a few, military men here whom SKORZENY said he has met with individually. One of these, only just arrived, is WILSCHER (phonetic spelling), a former fellow paratrooper and later head of a special German sniper corps.

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