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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT: On 23 Sep 51 the 110th CIC Detachment was informed that Otto [redacted] had visited Salzburg, Austria, early in July 1951. While in Salzburg he met and talked with one Lothar [redacted], born 7 Sep 1911, who is on the sales force of GIL (Upravnice Sovietu Industriji v [redacted] - Administration of Soviet Industries in Austria) and reportedly in contact with suspected Soviet Intelligence agents.

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CIC was informed on 29 Sep 51 that Otto SKORZENY visited Salzburg, Austria during the first half of July 1951. At that time he allegedly stayed with one Lothar RAFAEL, born 7 Sep 1911 at Vienna, Austria, married, Roman Catholic, salesman by profession, owner of the firm RAFAEL and Co. (not known as the firm HEDWIG BACHMAYER), located at Salzburg, Schwarzstrasse 30, telephone: 27745, residing at Salzburg, Hellbrunn 16.

RAFAEL was known to CIC as an Austrian businessman on the sales force of USIA (Upravlenie Sovetskoi Industri v Avstrii - Administration of Soviet Industry in Austria). He alleged to have been in touch with Franz WPAUSSER, land Salzburg leader of the Communist Party of Austria, and with the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Vienna. RAFAEL also has a police record which lists him as having been involved in black market transactions, in unauthorized dealings in foreign currencies, and in evasion of customs duties and income tax regulations. (C-3) In addition, RAFAEL is known to have business connections with one RAOUL KONITZ, a former member of the Abwehr now living in Foertschach, Carinthia, Austria. It is believed that KONITZ is now working for the Soviets and/or the Austrian Staatspolizei, though he was imprisoned by the Soviets and the Austrian Staatspolizei in Vienna in 1945-46. (C-3) KONITZ is also a close friend of one ERICH WENDLER, born 16 Oct 1907 at Czernowitz, USSR, Austrian citizen, divorced, merchant, residing at Vienna II, Obere Ballingasse 6/3/11, member of the Communist Party of Austria. WENDLER, too, is a former Abwehr personality. Officially, he works for USIA as a watch buyer, in which capacity he frequently travels between Austria and Switzerland. But he is also believed to be a Soviet agent, with the mission of collecting information on ex-Abwehr personalities now working for the French, British, and Americans in Austria. (C-3)

It is not known whether or not SKORZENY has any direct connections with KONITZ or WENDLER. When RAFAEL was interviewed he claimed that SKORZENY had visited him for only a few hours and that he did not know where SKORZENY stayed for rest of the two days he was in Salzburg. SKORZENY had come to Salzburg, said RAFAEL, for two reasons: 1. to see his wife and arrange the details of their forthcoming divorce; and 2. to discuss a business transaction with RAFAEL. This business transaction involved the possibility of RAFAEL's getting an import-export license for importing wolfram from Spain into Germany. SKORZENY was supposed to have the contacts in Madrid necessary for such an arrangement. Nothing, however, came of the discussion. (F-6)

When he was asked about SKORZENY's activities while in Salzburg, RAFAEL said that he believed SKORZENY was an Argentine citizen travelling on an Argentine passport. While in Salzburg he used the name Martin LANGER. From Salzburg, according to RAFAEL, he planned to go to Braunau, Austria. There he intended to visit a friend, one (fnu) MILLACHER, owner of an electrical medical apparatus factory. (F-6)

Emma SKORZENY, nee LINEANT, born 6 Dec 1916 at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, residing at Tegetthoffstrasse 4, Salzburg, at present employed as an office clerk with the firm Josef GRUSS, Handelsgewerke, Schwarzstrasse 9, Salzburg, the estranged wife of SKORZENY, denied that SKORZENY had visited her while he was in Salzburg. She said that the last time she had seen her husband was during the summer of 1950, when they had met at Rosenheim, Germany. The only contact they have had since that time has been through their attorneys, Dr. Camillo FRYBER-ANDERMANN, Schwarzstrasse 9, Salzburg, representing Emma SKORZENY, and Dr. Friedrich STEINBACH, Operngasse 6, Vienna I, representing Otto SKORZENY. (F-3)

In May 52 CIC was informed by a source of unknown reliability that RAFAEL claimed to be a local Salzburg agent for a firm in Germany controlled by Fritz von THYSEN. It was also learned that RAFAEL planned to make a trip to Spain to visit SKORZENY. Through SKORZENY he hoped to establish relations with firms in the North African and Middle Eastern oil fields interested in obtaining steel oil pipes. SKORZENY was alleged to have excellent connections in these areas through Seïda BANDAN, born 1 Jul 1902 at Stockholm, Sweden, stateless Moslem, who is reportedly living with him in Madrid. (F-6) BANDAN's Seïda SAÏDA BAYITRI (Princess SAÏDA @ Saïda BAYITRI is known as a former violent Nazi who took an active part in the formation of the "Islam Division", a Waffen SS Division composed of Moslems from various Middle Eastern countries, during W II (the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem was also interested in the formation of this Division). In Paris before and during the war she disseminated pro-Nazi propaganda on behalf of a Pan-Islamic movement which would free the Middle East of foreign colonists. She was interned by US Forces from 25 May 45 until 1 Apr 47 as

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a security threat. While interned she attempted to recruit a "Legion" of former SS members to fight against Hitlerism; the Americans, she British, and the Jews. (B-2) After she had been released she was accused of recruiting high-ranking Nazis from Austria into Italy for a pro-Soviet underground movement. (C-4-5) She was re-arrested by the US forces in Salzburg on 6 Aug 47 at the request of the French Liaison Office in Salzburg. The French at that time were interested in her extradition to France as a possible war criminal. She was released in Feb 1948, however, when the French failed to produce the required evidence against her. (B-2)

In May 1952 GDM intercepted the following letter, sent from Hubert BERGER, President of Karlsruhe, Austria, to Georg FORNER, of Los Angeles (Karlheinz Berber, 541-2407, Avenue 16, Danbury, Conn.). (The original is written in German).

"...I have met BERGER in Madrid; he will become a representative of the Otto-Voll Gesellschaft for all of Northwest Africa and would like to cooperate with you."

"I don't know yet exactly where and how we could meet him. But in any case, he was not interested in relations; he has met CHAUDET now, who had a long discussion with duff for the purpose of the foundation of a German Credit-and-Finance Corporation for Europe. I am of the opinion to contact that man; when you will be in Lisbon again, please let me know your decision and whether he is to call on you."

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