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14 May 1953

TO: AS/Spanish Desk, [] []
FROM: HEA-2/PI/CE, [] []

SUBJECT: Brief file notes on Otto SKORZENY, per our conversation of today.

WIR-2415; 13 June 1952
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Subject now maintaining contacts with the Soviets for German technicians acting as advisors to Egyptian government. Reports comments technical group will eventually be furnished arms for participation in east-west struggle, for use against western allies. Actually in Spain. During WW II, "saved" Mussolini from prison. Attempted life of young Horthy.

R-25-53; 16 Jan 53
(MilAtt, Cairo)

Spanish passport #9957. Subj arrived Cairo via TWA 13 Jan 53 from Spain, via Rome. Major al-MAJJAR (M.B.: Deputy Director, MI, Egyptian Army) was questioned re. importance subj's arrival in Cairo. He stated, categorically, that subj. in Egypt on commercial business only.

IN 29740; 19 Jan 53
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Subj travelling on Spanish passport. Arrived Cairo pre-14 Jan 1953, from Madrid. Egyptian Ministry Interior warned Ministry Foreign Affairs subj "American agent"; this, as result subj's offer of services to Egypt Government. ("services" not specified)

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II: 29740 (continued)

Spanish passport 9957, arrived 13 Jan 53, stop-over Rome. Traveled from Rome, probably from Madrid, with one A. DIAZ who came to Cairo via different eventual route. Stopping Semira Hotel.

HICOG Bonn 2105; 22 Jan 53
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former SS-Obersturmbannfuhrer. Freed Mussolini. Lives in Spain. Travels almost constantly. In touch with numerous rightist individuals in Germany, elsewhere. Listed by British, as way of explanation of recent British action in arresting high-ranking Germans, as a contact of what they describe as a neo-fascist group. Dispatch points out that there is no evidence to indicate that any of the arrestees was involved in overt or covert action inimical to German or Allied interest. Mentions that US Govt believes several of the people on the list of the contacts of the seven arrestees have a more dubious post-war record than the arrestees.

FBIJ, monitored from Beirut; 23 Jan 53.

Former German colonel. Has been in Cairo for two weeks to conclude agreements on behalf industrial organization which he represents. Asked for statements about arrest of East German Prikin WOLFF, he commented that arrest had surprised him, and said that probably he was arrested as result British rumor. Made apparently unsolicited statement that KAUFMANN had always been friendly towards the Arabs.

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IN-32144; 28 Jan 53
C I-671

KURZEMNY scheduled depart Cairo
29 Jan, TWA flight 903 to arrive
Rome 1245; for transfer to flight
791, arriving Madrid 1815.

3-17409; 7 II 53

Subject said to have been called
to Egypt by General NAJIB. His
function to be as military advisor.
When an attempt was made to confirm
subj's movements, his car was found
to have been near his home inter-
mittently between 3 and 7 February,
the dates he was said to have been
in Egypt.

OUT 87814; 10 Feb 53
DIR-40127 to (C I)

[] reports subj departed 29 Jan
for Madrid. Said to be entrusted
with mission for NAJIB. Requests
confirmation.

IN 35965; 10 Feb 53
C I 5017; B-2

Arrived Ciampino 29 Jan 1235
hours via TWA Cairo. Spanish
special passport 9957 issued
9 June 52, Madrid, valid only
for Europe. Departed 1420
hours same day for Madrid.
Source comments subj has mission
in Spain for General NAJIB.

NECA-254; 10 Feb 53

4 Feb 53, Office AirAtt, Cairo:
departed Cairo TWA flight 927-06
for Rome at 1045, 30 January,
after cancelling reservation of
27 January. Attachments are:

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WACA-254 (continued)

R-33-53, 31 Jan 53: (ultimate source is British assistant military attache, from "an Egyptian officer of the General Staff"): subj's business in Egypt was (A) as representative of an armament concern in Spain, to discuss arms purchases with Egyptians; (B) as advisor to Egyptian Army on sabotage methods, including a reconnaissance of the Canal Zone area.

R-35-53: (ultimate source is Arab courier, from unwitting informant): informant said he had received a letter from subject, discussing the sale of 40 P-51 Ds and 20,000 rounds of 81-mm mortar ammunition which had been considered with representatives of the Egyptian Government. Subject said in the letter he would return to Egypt in a week or two to discuss further business with Egyptian Government.

R-52-53; 18 Feb 53
(MilAtt, Cairo)

fnu TULUSI of NBC television interviewed subject who denied truth of rumor that he (SKORSENY) was representing ATRA, Spanish arms firm. He said his visit to Egypt was merely to try to develop sales outlets for some Spanish firms - none of whom deals in arms - which he represents.

SGA-825; 20 Feb 53
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German SS leader who took part in Mussolini's liberation, arrived Cairo about 13 Jan 53 as representative unidentified German and Spanish industrial concerns, attempting to sell products to Egyptian Government.

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IN 20938; 1 May 53
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KRONZKY, Joachim HERTSLER
(he is a German national, who
has been accused of intelligence
activities in several countries,
as well as of being a communist
agent. In December 1952, he
visited Egypt, with intention
to go on to other NE countries),
and Ernst Wilhelm VOSS (head of
the military and technical
advisors serving Egyptian
Government who is accused of
playing a double game against
his own countrymen by German
representatives and of being
connected with an unspecified
Nazi-communist organization)
are said to maintain constant
contact with former SS officers
in Syria, Saudi Arabia, and
Palestine (Arab).

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