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COMMENT ON STATEMENT ON PAGE 2: "SKORZENY became Berlin Chief (of Abwehr II) in August 1944 when the RSHA literally took over the Abwehr, and it is he who directs Amt VI/S of the RSHA today, the former Abwehrabteilung II."

1. SKORZENY's connection with RSHA is much older than would be surmised from this. Referat VI-S was presumably founded in August 1943, with SKORZENY as its head, to carry out "special undertakings", including sabotage.

2. The RSHA did not "literally take over the Abwehr" in August 1944. The reorganization of the Abwehr had taken place by June 1944, with most of Abteilung I and all of Abteilung II becoming the Militaerisches Amt of RSHA. HANSEN of the Abwehr headed the Militaerisches Amt till shortly after the attempt to kill Hitler; apparently in August he was replaced by SCHELLENBERG, head of Amt VI, who thus took over the direction of both Amt VI and the Militaerisches Amt. The old Abwehr II, which had become, probably in July, Militaerisches Amt D, was then placed under SKORZENY, who was already head of RSHA VI-S.

3. Amt VI had long before this been indulging in certain sabotage and insurrection activities of its own (as in 1940 among the Arabs of North Africa). SKORZENY, as head of both Militaerisches Amt D and of Referat VI-S of RSHA, has apparently tried to keep both running, to remove the inefficiencies of the past, and to concentrate the activities of Militaerisches Amt D on straight military work. So far as our information goes, both MilAmt D and Referat VI-S are still operating on this basis.

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