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SUBJECT: SKORZENY, Otto, SS Obersturmbannfuhrer
Chief of AMT VI/S
Commanding Officer of SS JAGVERBAENDE
Section Chief of MILITARISCHES AMT "D"

Re : Report of Preliminary Interrogation.

I

Since 6 May 1945 Otto SKORZENY awaited the arrival of American troops in the village of ANNABERG to turn over the members of his personal staff, the remaining elements of his JAGVERBAENDE and himself, to the occupying forces. SKORZENY's staff consisted of four officers and ten enlisted men with some 300 Jagdverbaende personnel scattered in the valleys in groups of twenty to fifty men who has been withdrawn from the East Front shortly before the Russian breakthrough for purposes of curbing looting by desertors in threatened villages.

On 10 May 1945, a Captain from the 15th Infantry Regiment accompanied by two French officers came to ANNABERG where SKORZENY presented himself but apparently made no impression as these officers left without giving any instructions. SKORZENY had proposed to gather his men to join the VI SS Panzer Corps under Obergruppenfuhrer GILLE in order to avoid individual action or disbandment of his troops. SKORZENY proposed this to avoid any suspicion on the part of the Americans that he had left behind a group to conduct missions of sabotage or resistance.

On 11 or 12 May 1945, a group of approximately 100 U.S. troops moved into the village of Annaberg. SKORZENY submitted a letter requesting permission to gather his men and to be presented to higher headquarters in Salzburg where an intelligence officer who knew of SKORZENY's position would take him into custody. On the 16th, SKORZENY, with Sturmbannfuhrer RADL, Hauptsturmfuhrer HUNKE and Oberjunker PETER, were driven to Salzburg in a jeep where he was received by a Major in 30th Infantry Regiment who also remained unimpressed by SKORZENY's name. However, Lt. Mclean recognized the name and conducted the party to MARKT FONGAU where they were issued passes by Major General ZEISS, Ortskommandant, which were to be countersigned by the 15th Infantry Regiment located in WERFEN. Upon arriving there SKORZENY's name was recognized and he was immediately taken to the S-2 of the Regiment where he was disarmed, handcuffed and questioned.

On 17 May 1945, SKORZENY was conducted to 307th CIO Detachment for preliminary interrogation. He had in his possession the attached passes which were to enable him to gather his subordinates and surrender them to the US authorities. The following passes were issued to:

Hptstafr	STRICKFUSS	appr. 40 men near ALTENMARKTTHAL
Hptstafr	FUCKER	appr. 50 men near HOCHFILZEN
Oststafr	SKORZENY	appr. 10 men near ANNABERG
Hptstafr	GIRG	appr. 50 men near LOFER
Hptstafr	WINTER	appr. 20 men near MAUTERNDORF
Hptstafr	HUNKE	appr. 10 men near East of Annaberg
Untstafr	BEHRE	appr. 40 men near North of KITZBUJELN
Obstafr	LADWIG	appr. 40 men near MAISHOFEN-SAALBACH
Untstafr	WILLSCHER	appr. 40 men near BISCHORSBORN
Obstafr	SCHUERMAN	appr. 40 men near BAD AUSSEE

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(2)(A) Privacy
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Above commanding officers and groups were to be contacted by KOCH, MUELLER, JOHN, SCHWERDT, PETER, HUNKE, RADL, WADTHER, DIETRICH, and SKORZENY, for which purpose ten passes were issued.

II

SKORZENY was born on the 12th June 1908 in Vienna, Austria, the son of Anton, Decensed in April 1942, and of Flora, nee SIEBER, living. His brother, Alfred SKORZENY, an engineer by profession, has remained in Vienna and is said to be the exact opposite of his brother. SKORZENY is married, has one child and adheres to the Roman Catholic religion. He became a member of the NSDAP in 1934 and joined the SS in February 1940 as a simple SS Man. Previous to his joining the SS he was an officer's candidate in the Luftwaffe from September 1939 until February 1940.

SKORZENY possesses the following military decorations:

EISERNE-KREUZ II	Sept. 41	For action on the Eastern Front
EISERNE-KREUZ I	Sept. 43	Campaign in Rome
GOLDENES FLUGERABZEICHEN	Sept. 43	Luftwaffe award
RITTERKREUZ	Sept. 43	Liberation of Mussolini.
DEUTSCHES KREUZ IN GOLD	Oct. 44	For Action in Budapest
EHRENPLATTE	Dec. 44	For Bravery in Action.
EICHENLAUB zum RITTERKREUZ	Apr. 45	As Division Commander on the Oder
VERWUNDETEN ABZEICHEN		For wounds received in action.

III

In reference to topics covered in par. 7, a to f, inclusive, of SHAEF Counter Intelligence War Room Publication, S.F. 52/4/22 (1), dated 1 May 1945, SKORZENY gave the following information:

a. Headquarters of AMT VI/S is completely disbanded and all files allegedly destroyed.

b. RADL - in custody

BESEKOW - Saw BESEKOW last three weeks ago in Eastert. Allegedly hiding in the Kuernten Mountains.

BRAMFELD - Allegedly with BESEKOW.

HOYER - Allegedly in a hospital in Prague.

HUNKE - In Annaberg, former SKORZENY Hq.

MYLIUS - Last heard of on the Oder front.

SCHMIEL - Allegedly remained in Berlin.

RIEDEL - With Waffen SS missing in action.

WINTER - In Mauterndorf with his men; expects to surrender.

FUCKER - In Hochfilzen with his men; expects to surrender.

LACKNER - Discharged and is alleged to be in his home in Bischofshofen.

MAYER - Allegedly with BESEKOW in hiding.

NEBENFUHRER - Allegedly with BESEKOW in hiding; native of Waldviertel region in Nieder-Oesterreich.

HANL - Died on the Eastern front.

OSTAFEL - Died at Hohensalza.

HEWES - Died near Heinrichsburg at the time of TITO's offensive.

KOBALSKY, Miss - Was left by SKORZENY in Berlin.

KOPF-MEISER, Miss - Dismissed at Puch (near Salzburg).

KRUEGER sisters - Dismissed at Puch (near Salzburg).

MAYER, Miss - Dismissed at Puch (near Salzburg).

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SKORZENY has a limited knowledge of agents employed by AMT VI-S. It is evident that his greater interest revolved around new sabotage methods, personnel leadership of combat missions of his JAGDVERBAENDE and political action against the Russians in so far as insurrection in the Ukraine and the Balkans could be promoted.

c. and d. SKORZENY admits that stay behind agents in possession of W/T sets and sabotage equipment for military operations to disrupt communication lines in the rear areas were left in the territories evacuated by the German Army with instructions to operate as long as the fighting was in progress. Contact was maintained with AMT MIL E under Major FORETSCHKIN (W/T operations of Abwehr I and II), but completely broke down when FORETSCHKIN disappeared. No provisions have been made to continue operations from a resistance headquarters under AMT VI/S.

e. In November 1944, A WEREWOLF School was established at NEUSIRELITZ under the direction of AMT VI/S as requested by FREUTZMANN, head of the WEREWOLF. The training lasted from five to eight days and consisted of small arms and minor sabotage instructions. The students numbered from 200 to 300 being made up of approximately 30% women, 10% Hitler Jugend and the balance men of various ages. SKORZENY has little regard for the quality of the people trained and particularly referred to the female element as "Verwelkte Jungfrauen" (Frustrated Virgins). The only localities in which there is a semblance of organization in WEREWOLF activities are in East Prussia and the Rhineland, where they have had some time to plan and establish dumps. Personnel of the school were:

WINTER - Hauptsturmfuehrer - Leiter
LANG - Untersturmfuehrer - Physical culture instructor
HEHN - Oberscharfuehrer - Demolitions instructor
SCHULTZ - Untersturmfuehrer - Adjutant

f. SKORZENY mentioned new methods in sabotage, some of which are still in an experimental stage, while others have been successfully applied. He is willing to give all necessary details and technical data should he be requested for it. Some of these special weapons are:

FLUSKARUPFER (Underwater swimmers)
EIN MANN TORPEDO (One man torpedo)
LINSEN (Wood constructed rapid motorboats carrying one man and a torpedo)
KLEINE U-BOOTE (Midget submarines)
V-1 operated by one man, etc.

Sabotage dumps established by Abwehr II in France, Belgium and Holland later came under the direct supervision of AMT MIL "D" controlled by SKORZENY. Maps and photographs denoting location of these various dumps were allegedly burned in Unter-Bayern after the transfer from BIRKENWERDE at the time of the German retreat. However, SKORZENY does not exclude the possibility that copies of these documents might still be in the possession of members of the former LEITSTELLE WEST (Abwehr).

IV

ORGANIZATION OF AMT VI/S

S-1 --- Administration.
S-2 --- Liaison with AMT MIL and JAGDVERBAENDE, Dissemination of orders and directives to various sections of VI/S.
S-3 --- Sabotage instructions and Agents School Supervision.
S-4 --- Dispatch of Agents.

SS JAGDVERBAENDE

JAGDVERBAND MITTE ----- approximately 800 men
FALLSCHIRMJAEGER BN. 600 ----- approximately 800-1000 men

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SONDEREINSATZABTEILUNGEN

1. Ersatzabteilung fuer Jagdverwaende	
2. Sonderkampfmittel Marine	250 men
3. Sonderkampfmittel Luftwaffe	50 men
JAGDVERBAND OST	1000 men
JAGDVERBAND NORD WEST	400 men
JAGDVERBAND SUEDE OST	1800-2000 men
JAGDVERBAND SUEDE WEST	600-700 men

V

SKORZENY volunteered the following information:

a. Knowledge of industrial concentration in the URAL in connection with plans which were compiled for the use of the Luftwaffe. Professor STEINMANN of the Wehrtechnische Fakultae of Berlin and Staff Engineer KENSCHKE, his assistant, laid the plans after years of painstaking research.

b. Knowledge of the Ukrainian resistance movement sponsored by Germans through W/T agents, agents provocateurs, etc.

c. Industrial installations around Moscow.

AGENTS' NOTES:

Despite the short time allotted for interrogation of SKORZENY, these Agents believe that he is sincere in his desire to give all possible information. The delicate question regarding the whereabouts and hiding places of his former collaborators has been lightly brushed. At the present time, SKORZENY still feels his responsibility as an Army Officer towards his subordinates. Time, however, may mellow certain scruples which he maintains at the present.

SKORZENY seriously considers the eventuality of a Western Block against Communism. This consideration certainly was primordial in his voluntary surrender in the hope that he might be given an active part in this undertaking. Due to his Austrian ancestry, he is clear minded and pliable but politically short sighted to the point of naivety.

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