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BYROADE FROM MCCLOY.

In my talk with Adenauer last night he said he had received information from source of such reliability that report could not be ignored. According to his informant, Franco was utilizing Skorzeny, former Nazi intelligence chief, for purpose of organizing military units in Spain. Skorzeny was said to be recruiting former Nazi officers and specialists among German refugees. What was particularly disturbing to Chancellor was indication this project which was intended primarily for purpose of creating a strong defense on line of Pyrenees had some support and encouragement from US. Adenauer said that of course if such information was confirmed and became known, it would have most serious effects upon opinion, not only in Germany, but elsewhere in Western Europe, as obviously it would result in creation of revived Nazi force. I said that I had heard nothing of the scheme and thought most unlikely that it had any US backing. I promised, however, to make inquiry and let him know.

I should be grateful for any information which could throw light on this report.

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