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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination ✓  
Assistant Director for Special Operations

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Visit of Alexander Boeker

1. On 6 February 1951 I received the visit of Alexander Boeker, a young German whom I've known for some years and who is now working closely with Chancellor Adenauer in Bonn, particularly on foreign policy matters. Boeker is in the United States in order to make a report to Chancellor Adenauer on the general sentiment of the American people with regard to European rearmament and the Atlantic Pact, and in particular their reactions to speeches such as that of ex-President Hoover.

2. In the course of a long and interesting conversation, Boeker mentioned two points which were giving the German authorities some apprehension. The first point was the alleged American contacts with General Guderian. He did not know whether these rumors were true but they were very persistent and even included a suggestion that Guderian was to be invited to the United States. This particular rumor had been checked with Mr. McCloy who had denied it. He wanted me to know that the Bonn considered General Guderian as highly unreliable and generally a bad character. There are even rumors that there was some contact between him and Grotewald.

3. The second point which gave them some apprehension was the rumors that American Army circles were in touch with Skorczyeny, now believed to be in high favor with Franco. It was even alleged that Skorczyeny had some American approval in preparing an organization to receive and organize refugees in Spain in the event of a Russian attack upon Western Europe.

4. I told Mr. Boeker that as far as I knew there was no truth in either of these rumors but I would look into the matter.

5. The purpose of making this memorandum is merely to put on record that the Germans are carefully watching both Guderian and Skorczyeny and if we have any contact with either it should be surrounded with all precautions.

  
Allen D. Dulles

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