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SUBJECT : Otto SKORZENY 44 to Dept.

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The following report concerning recent activities of Otto SKORZENY was received from DAD and is forwarded herewith to supplement information contained in the following recent telegrams: Paris' 4252 to Department, Frankfurt's 6207 to Department, Department's 5322 to Frankfurt, Madrid's 646 to Department, Heidelberg's 44 to Department.

"1. Several different Madrid sources report that SKORZENY now is a resident of Madrid, where he allegedly lives at 70 Calle Lopez de Hoyos. These sources agree that he is using the alias, Rolf STEINBAUER, and that he is living with Countess FINKELSTEIN in Madrid. It is further reported that he was approached while on a visit to Germany, date unspecified, by a former German officer, now with the 'East German Army' with a proposition which would include re-installment of rank, quarters, and back pay in Westmarks. He maintains occasional correspondence with former officers in Germany, but does not appear to receive systematic reports. He could use more money, but can definitely not be called 'needy'. One of these sources claims that he is in Germany at the present time, and that he would like to see Mr. McCloy.

"2. According to another source, with connections to a reliable group of former German officers, Skorzeny was certainly in Germany during the past summer, accompanied by Countess Finkelstein. He approached among others during this visit, Generals GUDERIAN and BONIN. Skorzeny stated that he was arranging for the removal of up to 200,000 men to Spain in the event of war. He claimed to have American approval and support for this enterprise. Skorzeny allegedly told Guderian in September of last year that he was leaving for Spain shortly. From this source it was also reported that Skorzeny was seen in Madrid on 15 January 1951, and that he was living there under a false name. Among this group of officers, Skorzeny enjoys a very bad reputation, and it is believed that most of them would have nothing to do with him.

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"3. Unfortunately, the information in paragraph 1 above is not dated, which leaves us with two rather contradictory reports on his present or recent whereabouts. Since the report that he was in Germany seeking an audience with Mr. McCloy may possibly be more than six weeks old, it may well refer to his September visit, which now would appear to be well confirmed by a number of separate sources.

"4. DAD has no operational or other interest in Skorzeny."

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