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OTTO SKORZENY

*personality*

Forwarding additional information concerning subject of ref. (a) below. SKORZENY has been in Madrid since about August 1950 ostensibly working as industrial engineer. Believed primarily interested in plan to train German troops in Spain for use against Russia.

Reference: (a) CNO secret ltr Op321E sur OC229P32 of 18 Jan 1951.  
(b) Army Attache Madrid R212-50 of 16 November 1950.

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The following additional remarks concerning the subject of reference (a) were received from the [ ] Source, Madrid:

"According to a reliable source, Otto SKORZENY, the famous rescuer of Mussolini, has been in Madrid since about August 1950. He is living under the name of Rolf STEINBAUER at 70 Calle Lopez de Hoyos, Madrid, with a Bavarian Countess who is now reportedly his wife. The countess' name is Ilse FINKELSTEIN. SKORZENY is allegedly employed as an industrial engineer by the firm 'Empresas Reunidas Comercio Exterior, with offices at Alcala 29.

"Although SKORZENY pretends to be fully occupied as an industrial engineer, he and his wife are much more enthusiastic about a plan that SKORZENY has brought to Spain Germany's best troops in order to train them here and return them to Germany for use against the Russians (should there be time to accomplish all this before the outbreak of war). According to our source, it is likely that SKORZENY has travelled to Germany frequently with the purpose of activating his plan, rather than to do business as an industrial engineer. However, our source has mentioned the fact that SKORZENY is allied with one MESSERSCHMIDT in the physical transplanting of German industry to Spain. According to our source, MESSERSCHMIDT and SKORZENY have in their possession a plant, or plants, which will move to Spain once permission is granted by the appropriate authorities. It should be repeated here that our source has impressed us with the fact that SKORZENY is infinitely more interested in training of German soldiers than he is in the moving of industrial plants).

"We have not been able to determine that SKORZENY's plan is backed by Spanish officials in any way. In fact, from the meager information available to us, it appears that SKORZENY does not have extensive official Spanish contacts. Neither

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does it appear that SKORZENY is a member of any organized intelligence group, but it does appear likely that he is a member of a small group of German Army officers who keep each other only occasionally informed of activities in their places of residence.

"Skorzeny does not appear to be affluent, and yet it is quite obvious that he is not needy. He is at present pressing a civil suit in France in order to increase the flow of royalties from his recent book.

"It is reliably reported that SKORZENY is at present in Germany and that his wife is in Madrid. While in Germany SKORZENY hopes to talk with McCLOY."

2. The name of subject's sponsor mentioned in reference (a) as General Fernandez del Campo, should be corrected to Major General Carlos Martinez de Campos y Serrano (see reference (b)).

COMMENT - It is interesting to note that Willy MESSERSCHMIDT, famous German aircraft manufacturer, is scheduled to visit the Hispano-Suiza aircraft plant in Seville this month.

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