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SKORZENY
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SUBJECT

From a memorandum to the FBI

The following information on SKORZENY is available in our files:

a. SKORZENY reportedly escaped on 25 July 1941 from the Ludwigsberg civilian internment enclosure, where he was being held by the Germans for trial in connection with his former Nazi activities. During 1949 and 1950 he was at various times reported to be in Germany, Italy, Spain and Argentina.

b. Fairly reliable sources in Germany reported that SKORZENY was in Germany in the summer of 1950. He is reported to have approached several former German generals, among other Friedrich von FOMM and Heinz GUTHRIE, and to have stated that he was arranging for the removal of up to 200,000 men to Spain in the event of war. He is reported to have claimed to have United States approval and support for this project. SKORZENY is said to have told GUTHRIE that he was leaving soon for Spain.

c. Reports received by this Agency since December 1950 indicate that SKORZENY's current residence is in Madrid, where he is living under the alias of Wolf STEINHAUER. He is reportedly on intimate terms with a Countess HILKE THIN (or FINE L THIN), with whom he resides at 70 Calle Lopez de Hoyos, Madrid. Subject's presence in Madrid has been confirmed by several sources of this Agency and also by the report of a United States citizen to the District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District.

d. According to one of this Agency's sources referred to above, SKORZENY ostensibly works as an engineer, but devotes much time to private discussions of his "plan" to bring the best potential German military elements to Spain for training. Source believes that SKORZENY would willingly give up his nominal engineering work to carry out this or a similar plan, and he adds that although SKORZENY is not in need he could use more money. SKORZENY apparently does not receive systematic reports from Germany, but he is in correspondence with various former German officers who may be, according to source, semi-organized. The same source reports that on an unspecified date SKORZENY was approached in Germany by a former German Wehrmacht officer who offered him reinstatement of rank, quarters, and back pay in the "East German Army".

e. According to the most recent reports received from Madrid on SKORZENY, he is among the personalities involved in actively promoting closer German-Spanish industrial and financial ties, and he was a constant companion of Willy WERNERSCHEIDT's during the latter's recent trip to Spain to inspect Spanish aeronautic production facilities.

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