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1. Former German General Skorzeny, who rescued Mussolini from an Allied prison in Italy, and who now lives in Spain, has recently visited West Germany. He contacted leading German businessmen and industrialists with the purpose of enlisting skilled workers for Spain and activating German-Spanish trade relations.
2. This visit may serve as a cover for Skorzeny to contact some of his former collaborators. Usually well informed quarters believe that some of Skorzeny's collaborators, if not the General himself, are in contact with US citizens interested in the formation of resistance groups in Germany. These groups are destined to become centers of sabotage behind Soviet lines in case of occupation of West Germany. Military and intelligence advisers to the German Government regard these attempts as amateurish. They fear these attempts might endanger serious intelligence operations. These experts are of the opinion that the US often over-estimates the value of sabotage and partisan warfare in Western Europe. They consider it impossible to draw any conclusions from experiences in the last war gained in the USSR or Yugoslavia, since the terrain and other conditions in Germany are completely different and do not lend themselves to operations of this kind. People like Skorzeny and his kind are considered adventurers.
3. Skorzeny has become a member of the "German Union" (Deutsche Union), headed by Baron Stauffenberg, a distant relative of Count Stauffenberg, who tried to assassinate Hitler. It is reported that General Speidel, Rommel's former Chief of Staff and now military adviser to the Bonn government, has also joined the same organization recently. The German Union maintains close relationship to personalities formerly connected with the French Resistance and possibly with French Intelligence. Since it is known that General Speidel maintains close relations with French General Juin, this may well prove interesting in view of the fact that many ex-Hitler Jugend leaders and SS men have joined the German Union, in addition to people belonging to General Skorzeny's former special group.

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