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TO : Mr. Chauncey Stillman
Room 1610 L Bldg.

DATE: 11 July 1951

FROM : Chief, Contact Division

SUBJECT: Otto Skorzeny

Reference: Your CS 289 and memorandum of 12 April 1951

1. We have acquired certain information concerning the subject individual which may be of interest to your office, obliquely, at least, in response to the requests made in your 12 April 1951 memorandum.

2. Otto Skorzeny, it appears, engaged himself with some energy on behalf of the seven condemned Landsberg Nazis. He is said to have given the Argentine press "some rather disturbing opinions" respecting the future of German relations with the West in event of execution of the "eighteen brave German officers condemned to death in the Landsberg prison."

3. One of Skorzeny's purported remarks, in defense of Colonel Peiper, was, "I solemnly declare, in my own name and in the name of all the German officers who are working for the future victory of the Western Allies, that if Colonel Peiper is executed, we will never lift a finger again nor open our lips. We will be plunged into Nihilism and despair. It will be the signal for our dispersal, for our dismissal from the ranks of Europe." And, further, "If Peiper dies, the Americans can be certain that we will not collaborate for an instant more. It will be all over for us."

4. We invite you to watch for forthcoming OO-B-36178, which will contain a translated (from the German) life history of Skorzeny and an account of the abduction of Mussolini.

5. The source on Skorzeny whom you recommended to us in the reference memorandum has nothing further beyond reports you have seen to contribute. We therefore will close the case.

6. In any reply, please refer to Case 7146.

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