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SOURCE **Journalist in direct contact with Skorzeny.**

- Otto Skorzeny's project for the formation of a neo-fascist force in Spain had received the approval of high Spanish officials by the end of September 1951, according to Skorzeny. The Spanish approval was conditioned on U.S. sanction of the project, and Skorzeny claimed to have had "very encouraging talks" with an American Colonel named Meadows (phonetic) in Germany. One of Skorzeny's contacts in Madrid is Jose FIMA y Escriva de Rosani, the Conde de Mayalde, last Spanish Ambassador to the Third Reich, who was head of the Direccion General de Seguridad at the time of Heinrich Himmler's visit to Spain.
- Skorzeny, who returned to Madrid from a trip to Germany on 22 September, claimed to have obtained the full backing of trusted persons from Iron Curtain countries, including Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Latvia and Rumania. He stated that he might have to return to Germany in early October. Skorzeny's plans call for an officer cadre to be set up in Spain composed of 300 men from each of ten unidentified countries.

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