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The American Embassy
Madrid, Spain
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Presley

FROM: Major Bleck

SUBJECT: Further Activities of Otto Skorzeny

1. Last night, Otto Skorzeny and his wife called at my home. The purpose of the visit, as near as I can make out, was to inform me that both he and his wife are planning another journey to Germany. Ilsa will depart on Thursday for Stuttgart and Cologne via aircraft. Skorzeny, himself, will, in all probability, have to wait perhaps another week before he, too, can make the journey. It seems that he is now having his problems obtaining a German visa. Apparently the Germans, due to their new setup, retained the right of visas. Skorzeny is undoubtedly on a caution list and full approval must be obtained from Bonn prior to giving him the visa. As near as I can tell, this trip involved meeting big steel industrialists and construction people in Cologne and other cities of Germany. From what Ilsa let on, last night, they do have an exceptionally big deal in the offing and with any degree of success, they can make a killing.

2. I have referred to you in the past of one Leon Degralle, the famous or infamous Belgian Fascist. I believe that one of the offices of our Embassy has been greatly interested in the past as to his whereabouts. I believe he is still wanted by the Belgian Government for his nefarious activities with the Germans during the War. This man is definitely living in or very near Sevilla, the Skorzeny's having seen him only several days ago. Another interesting development is our flighty little friend, the Red Duchess of Valencia, is madly in love with Degralle, who is not having any. For your information, Degralle is coming to Madrid about the 15th of December and at that time I plan to meet him. Skorzeny is still definitely interested in "talking to somebody."

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