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1. WSMA-1660 reported that Otto SKORZENY, well-known German Army officer during World War II who is now in Spain, was a good friend of Francisco RAAB, a Barcelona businessman whose ties with Nazi Germans have reportedly long been close. According to Angel M. Varela, an alien employee of the Consulate General, SKORZENY and RAAB had dinner in Barcelona with Antonio BAÑON Jiménes, private secretary to the Barcelona chief of police, and two officers of the Guardia Civil on 21 July. Varela himself was with the group, but was unable to learn from SKORZENY where he was staying or the purpose of his visit.
2. This bit of information is passed on for its limited value in demonstrating the SKORZENY and RAAB are still in close contact, and, furthermore, that they have acquaintances among influential local authorities.

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