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Otto SKORZENY

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1. Although the Nazi Party was officially dissolved at the close of World War II, it still exists in Europe and is being revived throughout the world, under the leadership of Otto SKORZENY. A secret Nazi high command has been set up in each European country, consisting of Germans and other veterans of the last war. SKORZENY and his party are bitter enemies of the Allied Nations, and are quick to enter any dispute between Germany and these countries, while Nazi agents in England, France and the United States do their best to fan the flames. The Party is preparing for the day when the occupation forces leave Germany, and hopes to then seize power through a coup d'etat.
2. SKORZENY and his collaborators are giving effective aid to the Arab nations in their cause against the English, perhaps even inciting them to wage a holy war against Great Britain. It is also possible that the recent disturbances surrounding Dulles' trip to the Near East were organized by this group. SKORZENY's organization has branches in all the Arab countries, and it is believed that his general headquarters have been established in the Hotel Semiramis, in Cairo. In addition, SKORZENY has set up a training school in Cairo for guerrilla warfare and commando tactics, supported by former officers of the German and Italian armies. Graduates of this school, who are extremely well trained, are sent to other Arab countries to establish similar schools.

SKORZENY is in contact with Otto STRASSER, an old-time Nazi leader who escaped some years ago to Toronto, Canada, where he now resides. SKORZENY wishes to use STRASSER as a figurehead for his party, as STRASSER is well-known as one of the founders of the Nazi Party and could be expected to attract a large following, while SKORZENY himself is known only as the rescuer of Mussolini.

It is also believed that SKORZENY wishes to revive the 1939 Ribbentrop-Kolotov pact, and has agents operating towards this end in Eastern Germany; he also relies upon the support of General von Paulus.

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