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Colonel Otto Skorzeny, German commando expert, is to return to Egypt about the middle of July 1953, at the express request of the Egyptian Army, for the purpose of training Egyptian commando units. Arrangements for this trip were handled exclusively by the Egyptian Ministry of War; neither Dr. Fritz Wilhelm Voss (head of the German Advisory Group in Egypt) nor the German Embassy in Cairo was consulted.

Washington Comment. An independent agency's report, of 17 June 1953, gives a different account of Skorzeny's relations with the Egyptian Government. Quoting the German Embassy Counselor in Cairo, the report states that the Egyptians had refused Skorzeny's offers both to train commando units and to arrange an arms deal; in addition, the German counselor reported that Skorzeny, during his last visit to Egypt from 11 to 14 June 1953, had visited Dr. Voss.

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