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SUBJECT GENERAL  
SPECIFIC Recent Activities of Otto SKORZENY

1. Otto SKORZENY reportedly left Spain for a visit to Germany on or about 10 August 1954. No further details are known at this time concerning the purpose of his trip, how he was traveling, where in Germany he was going, or how long he planned to remain there. (Received 19 August from Attache Terrance Leonhardy of the Madrid Economic Section who had learned this from an acquaintance of SKORZENY's.) According to another report, however, SKORZENY was still in Madrid on 11 August. (See end paragraph 3, below.)

2. During the weeks prior to 10 August SKORZENY was seen in Madrid, both at his office in downtown Madrid (C ] report) and more frequently at the Club Velazquez ( [ ] ).

3. [ ] provided the following comments on SKORZENY in a report dated 15 August, received 18 August and evaluated B-2.

SKORZENY currently has an office in Madrid on calle Montera 25-27, fourth floor, room number four. He appears to deal in any business activities which seem to offer a profit. He continues to engage in activities concerning R.E.N.F.E. From the appearance of his office he is doing well. He pays 3100 pesetas (c. \$75) monthly rental on the office and paid two months deposit in advance when he took it. He has a secretary, two stenographers and another employee working for him there.

For some months there has been a rumor in Madrid that SKORZENY had been approached by Moroccan elements seeking his assistance in effecting the liberation of former Sultan Mohamed V. Although the rumor is unverified, it has apparently been played up by some French publications.

During early August he came to his Madrid office infrequently. It is understood he was spending most of his time at his home in Escorial, where his wife is. He was last seen leaving his Madrid office on 11 August.

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4. According to Leonhardy, SKORZENY continues to live at Lopez de Hoyos 70 in Madrid. He also mentioned, as have other sources previously, that those who know SKORZENY and his wife believe her to be the driving force of the couple.

5. As a result of his notoriety and his dabbling in many activities, it is believed that a wide variety of rumors concerning SKORZENY will continue to arise. As we pointed out in OSMA-950, we lack a reliable source close to SKORZENY. While we will remain alert to information concerning him that comes our way, we cannot at present justify the effort required to develop and maintain continuous coverage of his actions unless we receive indications of continuing, significant, and specific Headquarters interest in him.

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