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Skorzeny In on Talks With Peron

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PHOENIX, Nov. 18.—Otto Skorzeny, the most spectacular commando officer to take part in recent talks at Buenos Aires between Argentine President Juan D. Peron and representatives of the Krupp interests of Essen, it was learned today.

The ubiquitous Mr. Skorzeny, whose name for the last six years has been in Spain, became known in World War II, because he effected Hitler's orders, a remarkable aerial rescue of Benito Mussolini from detention by the Redoubtable mountaineers of Italy in 1943.

Memoranda Published
Since 1948 he has maintained an engineering contract office at Madrid, returning to West Germany occasionally. He has traveled widely, and about two years ago appeared to be doing special attention to the Middle East. He has had his wartime memoranda published.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer charged in March 1953 that Mr. Skorzeny was one of the conspirators, possibly the most prominent and able neo-Nazi conspirator of the post-war period in Germany. Mr. Neumann, who was imprisoned but later released, continued that he had corresponded with Mr. Skorzeny.

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However, Mr. Neumann, in the export-import business at Dusseldorf, said he and Mr. Skorzeny were old friends and that their post-war association had nothing to do with politics. Mr. Neumann in his book, "Too Many Enemies" is play on his own name and that of the Mrs. Men Harrolds in Kenya) said that he and Mr. Skorzeny had worked in each other's shoes. They sold of cement, machines, tools and similar goods, and that Mr. Skorzeny at one time asked for

Otto Skorzeny

help in obtaining a West German visa.
Mr. Skorzeny is also understood to have been on friendly terms since the war with former Reichsbank president; Hjalmar Schacht's private banking firm and Dusseldorf. Mr. Skorzeny's other connections have included credit with another prominent private bank in the Ruhr.

Essen Contributions
His presence at Buenos Aires during the recent talks between the Argentine President and the Krupp firm, former German armaments maker, was confirmed today by the Krupp headquarters at Essen.

The principal Krupp representative at the talks was Eckhart von Maltzahn, an envoy of the firm. The conversations are said to have covered a considerable range of possible business which Krupp might undertake in Argentina.
However, the Krupp headquarters denied categorically that Mr. Skorzeny represented the firm. It said the Argentine and the Krupp firms were responsible for the participation.

The Krupp firm's connections with President Peron were the second indication that the firm is involved in a sizable venture in the Americas. Bygos learned last month that the firm has been participating extensively in the expansion of the steel industry of Canada.

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was previously investigated in 1953 - his father SS Major

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