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1957.

In connection with the request for evidence supporting the allegation that Otto Skorzeny, install in Madrid, is the "grand master of arms traffic for Algeria", the attached article from the 22 June 1956 issue of La Croix may be of interest. According to this article SKORZENY had set up his headquarters in the Hotel Semiramis in Cairo, Egypt., and was acting as the principal military and geopolitical advisor of Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser. He reportedly was in charge of "importing" former officers of the Wehrmacht for the Egyptian Army.

2. Another of his principal occupations, as stated in the article, is traffic in arms, with agents throughout the world. The article cites SKORZENY's involvement in negotiations with General Francisco FRANCO for the sale of military equipment to Egypt, through a Swiss export-import firm. (See [] reports on Egyptian - Spanish arms deals).

3. Not also that the article states that SKORZENY is encharged with the organization, equipment, and training 20,000 commandos, who in turn train terrorist bands for carrying out military operations against French North Africa.

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