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The attached report on the activities of OTIC HATSBURG and his friends in Spain was given to us by in Salzburg, during our vacation in August.

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Subject: Activities of OTTO HAPSBURG
in Spain.

Report No: OFP-752

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Place Acquired: Salzburg, Austria

Date Acquired: 22 August 1953

Evaluation: Source: Fairly reliable
Content: Possibly true

Date of Report: 8 September 1953

Source: Former Austrian Nobleman now living in Spain.

1. During the past year, subject has been very friendly with Professor Sanchez BELLIA, Director of the Institute of Spanish Affairs, which is subsidized by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. BELLIA is considered a personal friend of various Spanish Cabinet members and is in touch with leading Catholic personalities in Spain.

2. BELLIA and subject reportedly discussed the idea that should war break out in Europe, central Europe and France would be overrun by the Russians, and that it is therefore important to prepare a center of international anti-communist propaganda in Spain. During the discussion, it was also proposed that files containing anti-communist material located in France and Germany should be transferred to Madrid.

3. Another contact of subject in on the project was the French writer, Bernard FAY, now living in Spain as a political journalist. FAY cannot return to France as he held a position under the Vichy regime collecting derogatory information on the Free Masons in France, which the Germans and the Vichyists used during the German occupation of France.

4. A close advisor to subject, during the past year, has been another Frenchman, de la NOE, son of a French admiral, whom many friends of subject consider to be an agent of either the French Foreign Office or the French security services. They believe de la NOE's job is to keep the French informed of the activities of subject and his group.

5. During a meeting in Madrid last April of subject, Sanchez BELLIA, and Bernard FAY, it was decided that certain secret files proving communist infiltration in the French Free Masonry and others concerning French politicians' affiliations with the communists should be transferred from France to Spain. In order to avoid customs inspection, the files were to be delivered to a private airfield, which was to be arranged through friends of FAY's in France. From there they were to be picked up by a special plane from Spain, arranged by BELLIA through the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

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the files being designated as scientific books needed by the Institute of Spanish Affairs. The shipment was completed, but when the cases arrived in Spain, where FAY was to receive them, Spanish customs officials watching their unloading noted that the cases were heavier than they should have been and insisted on an inspection. It was then discovered that they contained a few files, but that the bulk of the consignment was a special hard metal (kind not known), extremely valuable in Spanish industry, and its smuggling into Spain would have brought FAY great profits. FAY was arrested by the Spanish police and an investigation was instigated, but the affair was hushed up through subject's and BELLIA's Spanish friends. There seems no doubt that subject and BELLIA themselves were unaware of FAY's machinations.

6. Subject intends to attend lectures and give some himself in ~~Madrid~~ ^{Madrid} at the Institute of Spanish Affairs this fall.

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