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1. ZIPPER has passed us the following recent additional information about the current activities of subject:

- a. It seems almost certain that SKORZENI has connections in Berlin related to the preparations for the establishment of sabotage and resistance groups, presumably with the KGU and with a certain American Colonel THOMPSON (?) or STIMPSON (?).
- b. We have also been informed that SKORZENI has established connections with Friedl GRIESSMAYR, leader of the Deutsche Union in Land Wuerttemberg/Baden, with the objective of obtaining his cooperation in the establishment of military formations either for partisan activities in the case of Russian conquest of Western Germany or as cadres for German volunteer units in Spain.
- c. SKORZENI is known to be using the cover name, STEINBAUER. It is not known, however, whether he has official papers made out in this name.
- d. SKORZENI has settled down officially in Madrid and opened an engineering office. This is obviously a cover.
- e. During his last visit to Spain, SKORZENI is reported to have indulged in dangerous propaganda against the German Army of the type employed by the SS in characterizing Army Generals as traitors.
- f. In Germany, too, SKORZENI is reported to be intriguing against former Army Generals, as well as gathering together old-time HITLER followers and operating propagandistically along the old Nazi lines.
- g. Some time ago, SKORZENI visited General Oberst der Waffen SS HAUSSER. HAUSSER characterizes him as "a pathologically ambitious fellow, unfortunately assisted in his opportunistic enterprises by an

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adventurous woman." The reference is undoubtedly to Countess  
FINKENSTEIN, his constant companion. HAUSSER tried to put  
SKORZENI in his place but is not inclined to believe that he  
made any impression. According to HAUSSER, one may assume  
"that SKORZENI and his undoubtedly numerous followers are  
planning some action of a highly undesirable nature."

h. According to a newspaper report from Geneva, dated  
12 March 1951, SKORZENI left Frankfurt by Swissair on 9th March,  
and, after landing in Cointrin, flew on immediately to Madrid.

2. All of the foregoing is as reported by ZIPPER.

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