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EUR The Department is transmitting herewith for the information of the
SY United States High Commissioner for Germany the substance of reports recently
OLI received from the Department of Justice concerning the possible whereabouts
CIA and activities of Otto Skorzeny.

cm The Department of Justice had been alerted by the publication by the
E. P. Dutton Co. of New York of a book by Skorzeny entitled "Secret Mission."
Justice had notified the Dutton Co. that the tangible asset represented by
the work were being vested and that the book could not be published in the
United States until licensed by the Department of Justice. The Dutton Co.
informed the Department of Justice that it had contracted for the work through
Flammarion, publisher of the French edition, but, eventually, a license was
granted to the Dutton Co.

✓ Sometimes later, Duttons received an unsolicited letter from ^{Edgar} E. H. Smith,
Keating House Road, New Hope, Pennsylvania, stating that he represented
Otto Skorzeny. Duttons wrote to Mr. Smith on January 23, 1951, stating that
if he could produce a power-of-attorney or similar evidence of his legal
right to act for Skorzeny, the company would investigate the matter further.
There was no answer from Mr. Smith, but Duttons have now received a long
reply direct from Skorzeny. Skorzeny states, among other things, that he will
✓ receive correspondence in the shortest possible time if letters are addressed
to him in care of Senor Don Frederico Murra, Madrid, Ibiza 39.

The Department of Justice will make available, upon request, copies or
photostats of the letters involved.

Inasmuch as Otto Skorzeny is a fugitive from justice, having escaped
from German authorities during his de-nazification proceedings, the United
States High Commissioner for Germany may wish to pass this information on
to the appropriate German authorities.

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1/CL: - Mr. Raymond
GPA - Mr. Ray

EE-Mr. O'Shaughnessy
Justice-Mr. Lichlyter (Cleared
in substance by phone)

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