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SUBJECT: SKORZENY's Alleged Austrian Representative

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1. Late in March, at Graz, subsource became acquainted with (fnu) STEURER, a chemical engineer and former SS Sturmbannführer, who claims to be SKORZENY's representative in Austria. Possibly for cover, STEURER is busy with propagating and distributing Louis EDER's newly founded periodical 'Wir Furchtlose' (please refer to report P/03432, dated November 26, 1951, Subject: Present activity of Louis EDER, para.3).

2. On such occasion, STEURER informed that SKORZENY, alleged upon order by the Pentagon, is building up an intelligence group in Spain, with center at Madrid. Main personnel of such organization were former German intelligence experts from SD and Abwehr and former SS officers experienced in special raids. According to STEURER, also experts presently living in Argentina, have promised to join such new organization. Above information stems from Graz-born former SS Obersturmführer (fnu) TRÜSTL, now living at Buenos Aires, who is also interested in this group.

3. Allegedly together with KERNMAYR, STEURER will meet with SKORZENY at Munich early in April. On such occasion, the establishment of a so-called Auffang-Organisation (collecting former SD and Abwehr members willing to collaborate with SKORZENY), with center at Munich, will be discussed. The recruited personnel will allegedly be smuggled to Spain, via Switzerland.

4. Questioned by subsource, whether he knew the present hiding of Martin BORMANN, STEURER replied: Skorzeny knows it.

+) Comment: Possibly KERNMAYR's planned trip to Munich is connected with his request for travel documents, as reported with P/23670, dated April 1, 1952, para.5.

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