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SUBJECT { GENERAL Liaison with SMOTH  
SPECIFIC Arms Traffic to Algerian Rebels

Reference: OFFW-14887 of 17 December 1956 20 7-193-518  
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1. This Station requested from SMOTH any information which they might have on the allegation made by French Deputy Pierre ~~XANDRE~~ and reported in Le Monde on 19 October 1956. SMOTH have now replied that Otto SKORZENY has been resident in Spain for some years past; his address was given early in 1956 as Castellon de la Plaza 19, Madrid. Apart from a visit to Egypt in 1953, when he is understood to have entered into negotiations with the Egyptians for the supply of arms but without concluding any contract, SMOTH have had no reliable evidence that he has been engaged in arms traffic.
2. SKORZENY is, however, known to SMOTH to have visited Tangiers and Morocco from Spain on more than one occasion and SMOTH recently had a report from French sources alleging that he was behind a deal involving a consignment of small arms and ammunition to be shipped from Finland to Morocco. SMOTH have no confirmation of his alleged part in this deal, which is not known to have gone through, nor can SMOTH substantiate the French allegation mentioned in reference that he is or has been "the grand master of arms traffic for Algeria."

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