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FROM Chief, WE		DATE 1 MAR 1959
SUBJECT STATION/Operations Otto SKORZENY		RE "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
ACTION REQUIRED See below		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
REFERENCES		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY

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1. It is KUBARK practice that KUBARK staffers under   cover do not personally participate in interviews accorded visa applicants unless their participation has been approved in advance by the appropriate local ODACID official and can be accomplished on the solid assumption that the officer's KUBARK affiliation will not be known to the applicant. Naturally, the interview would take place on HEPINCH premises and would be the result of a formal application for a visa. The purpose of this practice is to avoid giving ODACID any impression that KUBARK is in any way impinging on ODACID's prerogatives in the matter of visas and to avoid giving the applicant or general public any reason to believe that an applicant's being refused or granted a visa was the result of KUBARK interest. The latter point is especially important if the applicant is world-famed as a controversial figure.
  
2. Because reference indicates that ODACID Madrid will soon ask for another advisory opinion on Subject, the contents of reference will necessarily have to be considered in the name check conducted by Headquarters at the request of ODACID. It is therefore important to know the circumstances under which the information contained in reference was obtained. We are particularly interested in learning who was present when the interview was held; the date and place it was held; whether SKORZENY knows   as a KUBARK officer; whether SKORZENY had made written application to ODACID Madrid for a visa; and, most important, whether the visa interview had the prior approval of the appropriate ODACID official.
  
3. Headquarters will take the initiative in attempting to influence ODACID visa decisions only in the following instances:
  - a. When information is received which clearly refutes derogatory information previously transmitted by KUBARK to ODACID. Information volunteered by the applicant himself would not cause KUBARK to take the initiative, but the information would be furnished ODACID on the latter's request.
  - b. When KUBARK operational interest in the applicant is very great. Only in cases of this kind would KUBARK initiate an investigation to determine whether any derogatory information against the applicant was in fact accurate or ask special consideration by ODACID of the applicant's case.
  
4. The Branch does not consider Subject to be of any operational interest and believes that any such consideration of him by   Station will complicate rather than enhance the operational picture in Spain. Information previously supplied by Subject in the past has proved to be false (see 1951 cable traffic); his offer of "Rotkapella" traffic was refused (OSMA-2861); and his recent operational leads in Vienna were judged to be of "sufficiently shady background to be of no positive operational interest" (EAVH-11927). However innocent Subject's role might have been in providing or offering the above material to KUBARK, his is not a record on which one would want to base a request for an operational approval. On the contrary, the Branch considers SKORZENY to be of counterintelligence interest and believes the Station would be well advised to pursue that course. In the latter sense the contents of reference were welcomed.

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5. To sum up, Headquarters will initiate no action with OCEMID on the basis of reference. Reference will be routed to the interested Headquarters components, and the latter may originate dispatches concerning portions of reference of interest to them.

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