Name: Schröder, Carl (Freiherr von)

Nationality: German

Region: Berlin

Positions:
- Co-owner of the export-import firm Staudt & Co., Berlin
- Member of the Board of Directors (Aufsichtsrat) of the Kammgarn Spinnerei Düsseldorf, AG.
- Deputy Chairman of the Working Committee for Problems affecting Foreign Trade (Arbeitskreis für Außenwirtschaftsfragen).
- Member of the Advisory Board (Beirat) of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Industrie und Handelskammer), Berlin
- Member of the Advisory Board (Beirat) of the Economic Chamber of Berlin-Brandenburg, Subdivision for Wholesale and Foreign Trade (Wirtschaftskammer Berlin-Brandenburg, Unterabteilung Gross Ein- und Ausfuhrhandel).
- Member of the Wirtschaftsrat der Deutschen Wirtschaft

Birth Date and Place: 10 February 1894, Hamburg

Family History: His father was Freiherr Frederic von Schröder; his mother Harriet, nee Milberg. Carl von Schröder's brother Kurt was co-owner of the banking house I.H. Stein and Leader of the Wirtschaftsgruppe Privates Bankgewerbe (Economic Group Private Banking). Carl von Schröder married, in 1921, Erika von Schnitzler, daughter of a Privy Counsellor to William II.

Work History:
- Schroder served as First Lieutenant of the Reserve in the Prussian army during World War I. Little is known about his training or professional activity.

In partnership with Fritz Goeber he owned the export-import firm Staudt & Co., Berlin, an enterprise dealing mostly through the Deutsche Bank. Schröder was a member of the Advisory Board of the Berlin-Brandenburg branch of this bank.

Within the Nazi economic system, Schroeder functioned as member of the Advisory Board of the Berlin Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Industrie und Handelskammer) as well as of the Economic Chamber of Berlin-Brandenburg, Subdivision Wholesale and Foreign Trade (Wirtschaftskammer Berlin-Brandenburg, Unterabteilung Gross Ein- und Ausfuhrhandel), acting as chief of the section for foreign trade.
Early in 1944 he is reported to have been temporarily head of the National Group Trade (Reichsgruppe Handel), working with the purpose of subordinating the initiative of private undertakings to state interests. In September 1944, he was appointed head of the Department "Foreign Trade" (Aussenhandel) of the Economic Group Wholesale and Foreign Trade (Wirtschaftsgruppe Groß- und Aussenhandel), which dealt with all foreign trade questions formerly handled by the National Group Trade (Reichsgruppe Handel). He was also appointed by Funk permanent member and Deputy Chairman of the working committee for problems of foreign trade (Arbeitskreis für Aussenwirtschaftsfragen), composed of leading personalities from the National Groups for Industry and Commerce.

Schröder was also member of the Werberat der Deutschen Wirtschaft, an organization established to promote trade relations with foreign countries through exhibits and propaganda activities. As member of the Board of Directors of the Zentralhandelsgesellschaft Ost für landwirtschaftlichen Absatz und Bedarf, GmbH., he actively participated in the exploitation of occupied Russian territories. The Z.O. through an extensive organization collected agricultural produce, supplied seeds and machinery, and controlled food processing industries in the Eastern territories.

Schröder's affiliation with industrial organizations include membership on the Board of Directors of the textile firm Kammgarn-Spinnerei, Düsseldorf.

Summary:

As member of the Board of the Monopolistic Z.O., as permanent member of the Arbeitskreis für Aussenwirtschaftsfragen and as head of the department "Foreign Trade" (Aussenhandel) of the Economic Group Wholesale and Foreign Trade in addition to other administrative positions, Schröder has exerted great influence on German trade relations and on Nazi expansion policies in this field during recent years.

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