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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 Ausenwirtschafts
frazen).
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 Werberat 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 Roeber 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 fuctioned as
member of the Advisory Board of the B erlin 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.

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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.

Schroeder was also member of the Verberat 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 Zentralhandels-gesellschaft 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 processings 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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