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Name: SIEMENS, Hermann von

Nationality: GERMAN

Region: Berlin Wannsee, am kleinen Wannsee 5.

Positions: Chairman of the Board of Directors:
Siemens & Halske AG, Berlin
Siemens Schuckertwerke AG, Berlin
Siemens Planierwerke AG für Kohlenfabrikate, Berlin.

Member of the Board of Directors of:
Deutsche Bank, Berlin
Mannesmannröhren-Werke, Düsseldorf.

Birth date and place: 7 August 1885, Berlin.

Family History: His father was Werner von Siemens, inventor of the dynamo.

Education: Hermann von Siemens studied chemistry at the universities of Heidelberg, Jena, and Berlin, graduating with the degree of Dr. phil.

Work and Political History: On 25 November 1918 Hermann von Siemens entered the firm of Siemens & Halske AG, Berlin, working first with Gebrüder Siemens & Co. and subsequently in different departments of the Wernerwerk of the Siemens & Halske concern, including the electrochemical department, the Central Office (Zentralabteilung) and the Central Laboratory. By 1923 he was given the position of Prokurist (official empowered to transact business on behalf of the company) of Siemens & Halske AG. In 1928 he became Deputy Member of the Management Board (Stellvertretendes Vorstandsmitglied) of the firm. As of 1941-42 he was Chairman of the Board of Directors (Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrats) of Siemens & Halske AG.

Siemens & Halske AG was Germany's oldest and (beside AEG) most important electrical equipment manufacturing company, with a large number of subsidiaries. The most important of these was the Siemens Schuckertwerke AG, Berlin, which specialized in the manufacture of telephone and radio equipment (Schwachstromunternehmungen), while the parent company, Siemens & Halske AG, manufactured a large variety of machinery and electrical appliances in the ordinary electric power field (Starkstromunternehmungen). As of 1941-42 Hermann von Siemens was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Siemens Schuckertwerke AG, as well as of Siemens & Halske AG, (see above), thus controlling virtually the entire Siemens interests. He was, furthermore, Chairman of the Board of Directors (Aufsichtsrat) of Siemens Planierwerke AG für Kohlefabrikate AG, Berlin, next to Siemens Schuckertwerke AG, the largest subsidiary of Siemens & Halske AG.

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Hermann von Siemens held two important positions outside the Siemens concern. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, the largest German bank, which played a major part in the Nazi economic exploitation of German dominated Europe. He was on the Board of Directors also of the Mannesmann-Röhren-Werke, Düsseldorf, the powerful coal and steel combine, headed by Wilhelm Zangen (q.v.). One source lists Siemens as President of the Association of German Entrepreneurs (Gesellschaft Deutscher Unternehmer). 1/

Summary: Hermann von Siemens has apparently held no official position in the Nazi administration of German business. However, his powerful position in the electric equipment industry as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Siemens & Halske AG and Siemens Schuckertwerke AG, and his membership on the Board of Directors of the Deutsche Bank and the Mannesmann-Röhren-Werke, indicate that he has played an important part in determining and executing Nazi economic policies.

Sources: Wenzel, Deutscher Wirtschaftsführer, 1929

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Deutsche Börsenzeitung, 3 June 1943

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