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SUBJECT Joseph Wirth			
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<p><u>WIRTH, Joseph</u></p> <p>German Politician. Born 1879. Educated Freiburg University. Professor Mathematics Freiburg University 1908. Minister of Finance Baden 1918. German Minister of Finance 1920. Chancellor of Reich and Minister of Foreign Affairs 1921-1922. Minister of Interior 1930-32. Member Catholic Zentrum Party. Now living in Lucerne, Switzerland. In exile was unofficial adviser on German problems to Quay d'Orsay. Later associated with group of Alsatian deputies headed by M. Rosse. Early in 1939 visited U. S.; trip financed by a Mr. Mannheimer; officially came to persuade American business circles to buy in Alsace instead of Germany; real purpose of mission unknown. While in U.S. accused by Rosse of defrauding him of money; hurried back to Europe. Although Rosse retracted accusation and was later arrested for high treason so <u>Wirth's</u> honor was saved, this affair was said to have broken his reserve energy. Said to be unable to put his principles into deeds and to have been unable to comprehend the phenomenon of National Socialism; he confused interests of German nation and ambitions of the Junkers. There was a report of only fair reliability in October 1943 that Wirth had set up a left wing clique which planned to take over Germany assisted by Socialist movement and aid from Russia.</p>			
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