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From Margaret Feldman

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Pursuant to your recent request, I am sending you herewith the biographical material which has been assembled concerning Arthur Crispian and Dr. Joseph Nirth.

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CRISPIEN, Arthur

Former independent Socialist member of the Reichstag, now residing in Switzerland.

Reichstag: 1933, 1932 (7) & (6), 1930, 1928, seit 1920.  
Berlin (2)

Partelvors., Maler, Schriftsteller  
Geb. 1875

Volksschule, Kunstschule

1906/12 Parteisekr. - Polit. Redakteur

Mitglied d. Exekutive d. Sozialist. Arbeiter-  
Internationale  
Vors. d. SPD. Mitgl. d. Revol. Reg. in Wuerttemberg  
1918/19

1919 Landtag.

WIRTH, Dr. Joseph

Former Reichskanzler of Germany - (1921)

Former Minister of Finance for Germany (1920)

Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of Dr. Bruening  
(1920/31).

Former member of Reichstag (1920-33)

Prominent left-wing leader, in sympathy with Socialist  
movement. Active in fight against the Nazis.

At present in exile in Switzerland.

Born Sept. 1879 in Freiburg im Breisgau.

Formed the so-called Government of Fulfillment (to  
fulfill all the obligations of Versailles Peace Treaty).

Rathenau was his Foreign Minister.

Signed Treaty of Rapallo with Soviet Union to reestablish  
diplomatic relations between Germany and Russia.

Opposed any policy of collaboration of the Center Party  
with the parties of the German Right.

In 1926 created with Loeb and Haas, the Republican  
Union and the political weekly Deutsche Republik

in order to further the collaboration between

Catholics, Social Democrats and Democrats.

Represented Germany at Le Hague (1929-30).

Minister of Interior in Bruening's cabinet (1930).

outed by Hindenburg in 1931.

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