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Reference: HOBT-3353, dated 21 October 1966 []

Berlin Base was very interested in the information in Reference dispatch. We hope the following information will be helpful to you.

1. Dr. Richard Loewenthal was born 15 April 1908 in Berlin, and studied economy and sociology at the University of Heidelberg, where he received his Ph.D. in 1931. From 1935 until 1959 Dr. Loewenthal was a journalist, for most of that period resident in England. From 1948 until 1954 he was the German correspondent for Reuter's News Agency, and wrote articles for the Observer. From 1954 until 1958 he was a columnist for the Observer, specializing in foreign policy. Dr. Loewenthal became a British citizen in 1947. In 1959-1960 he was at Harvard University on a research project, and was a guest professor at Columbia University in 1965. Since 1961 Dr. Loewenthal has been a full Professor of Foreign Policy at the Otto Suhr Institute at the Free University of Berlin. He is a highly respected authority on East European affairs, and is an informal advisor to West Berlin's governing Mayor, Willy Brandt, in the latter's capacity as Chairman of the Social Democratic Party of West Germany. Dr. Loewenthal has recently received an invitation to teach at the University of Heidelberg, and is as yet undecided about accepting the position. His political orientation is socialist.

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although as a British citizen he cannot belong to Mayor Brandt's party, the SPD.

Berlin Base has been in contact with Dr. Loewenthal for the past five years, to obtain background information on the SPD. Dr. Loewenthal has worked closely with QKOPERA. Among his published works is a political biography of Ernst Reuter, written in collaboration with Willy Brandt and published in 1957.

Dr. Loewenthal tells us that he will be in Chile for the first two weeks of December 1966.

2. Though there are no Berlin Base traces on Dr. Erich Kordt, the following information gathered from overt sources may be of some use to you. Dr. Kordt is a Professor of Jurisprudence, and was born on 10 December 1903 in Duesseldorf. He was with the German Foreign Service from 1928 until 1945, and served in Geneva, Berlin, and London. From 1938 until 1940 he was in the Foreign Office in Berlin as Chief of the Minister Bureau, and later became German envoy to Tokyo and Nanking. From 1945 until 1951 he was engaged in various professions, and since 1951 has been associated with the University of Cologne as special Professor for Law and the History of Diplomacy. Dr. Kordt, in addition to his teaching duties, is presently an advisor to the Government of the German Land (state) of North-Rhine-Westphalia, and is Chairman of an intellectual discussion group known as the "Working Group for East-West Questions." We are checking the Berlin Document Center for information on Dr. Kordt's possible Nazi Party affiliation and will advise.



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