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Request for Information on Ministerialdirektor
Dr. Josef LOHNS

1. The 21 November 1993 issue of Der Spiegel contains, on page 11, an article which may be translated approximately as follows: It is said in Bonn that the Federal Government plans to make a change in the presidency of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution before the 1997 elections. (Ministerialdirektor) Dr. Josef ("Redhead") LOHNS, a former Beigeordneter in Cologne and presently Chief of Personnel of the Foreign Office, is under consideration for the BfV presidency.
2. On 20 November, Konrad KOCH said that he had heard "secret information" to the effect that SCHWENKERS will be replaced. It developed that KOCH had not read or heard of the article in Der Spiegel and had no idea who would replace SCHWENKERS. KOCH provided no further details on his "secret information", and did not comment on LOHNS, but did mention another man at the Foreign Office who, in his estimation, would be a good replacement for SCHWENKERS. This man is Vorstandsrat International (fmr) WUNSLEIN (phonetic) with whom KOCH has recently had some official dealings in the course of his liaison with the Foreign Office. WUNSLEIN does not appear in base files or in any German Biographic Publications available here, and may well be a candidate only insofar as KOCH's wishful thinking sees him as. (Comment: WUNSLEIN represented the Foreign Office as a consultant on 25 September 1990 concerning the revision of the old law of 27 March 1950 dealing with the attitude of the German authorities toward extrajudicial and other pastured persons. The draft revision - which will be forwarded eventually to the Bundestag for KOCH's taste and the man who supported his arguments most strongly was - surprisingly enough - the Foreign Office's WUNSLEIN. We believe this is KOCH's only contact with WUNSLEIN and probably the basis for his wishful thinking. Concerning LOHNS we know only that according to KOCH, LOHNS influenced Gerdien SCHULZ at the insistence of the BfV's suspicions against him in connection with the recent matter raised in WGM-5712, paragraph 4. This has resulted in a scaling of the relationship between the BfV and SCHULZ. Dr. Rudolf TUREA, asked on 19 November, had not yet seen the article in Der Spiegel, and when he heard of it, could say only he should certainly look if any changes were planned, and he had heard nothing of such a move. (Turea was questioned at the BfV on 20 November likewise had nothing to offer in the way of confirmation.)
3. Bonn Base has no traces on LOHNS. However, German Biographic publications provided the following information:
 - a. In Die Bundesrepublik 1954/55, he is carried as "Acting Chief of Department II (Personnel and Administration) of the Foreign Office" in the rank of Ministerialdirigant. His address was given as Bonn, Koblenzstrasse 125, tel. 2 51 21.

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- b. The 1935 laws of the 1st Div. (the German War's Law) provides the following information on Mr. Jan. Michalski's arrest in 1935. From 14 December 1935 in London, England, Michalski, married to Elizabeth and daughter, 1935 he was in charge of the legal services of an insurance firm, then military service. After the war he was in the military service of the 1st Div in the British zone. In 1945 he was a Michalski (son-in-law to an official) of the city of London. In 1945, he was chief of the German and administrative services of the British office. Michalski's "summary" on the law was published in London with Article 11 of the British Law (with no other reference and names). Michalski, according.
- c. The Michalski law, published in 1935, which contains brief details of previous services in British public life, lists Michalski's service. From 1935, Chief of Department 1 of the British Office (for official and administrative).
- d. The document herewith for your attention on British report on 1935. Michalski and his are requested to provide all information available on 1935.

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