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Curriculum vitae of Henrik KLUGKIST

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I was born in Berlin October 3rd, 1907 as the only child of the engineer Johannes Philipp Klugkist and his wife, Henry Müller. My family is from Bremen where they are registered since 1450. I was at school in Berlin and Halle. I studied law - especially foreign law - at Freiburg and Berlin where, 1929, I entered the service of law courts as civil servant. From 1930-1 I got leave for working in Paris with the French lawyer, Dr. Coulon. I wrote a thesis about international law and graduated at Freiburg. From 1931-2 I was staying with the family, Zangwill, at East-Preston, Sussex. Returned to Berlin, I continued my service at the Courts and worked at the Office for Information about Foreign Law of the Association of the German Industry.

Having passed the entrance-examination I joined the Foreign Office in February, 1934. I was employed in different sections and sent to the Consulate General at Barcelona in the winter 1934/5. There I married Sybil von Heyden who was the grand-daughter of Baron Thielmann, first German Ambassador to the United States. We have two sons: Sebastian, born 1935, and Andreas, born 1937. In order to pass the last diplomatic examination I was called back to Berlin in 1936. After this they immediately transferred me to our Legation at Bucarest. Here I exclusively worked in the economical section and stayed until the arrival of the Russians in August 1944. I escaped with my family. The Foreign Office sent me to the International Red Cross and the Swiss Government to inquire about the other members of the Bucarest Legation. On this occasion I was transferred as Consul to the Consulate General at Zürich.

As to my membership in the party: in Mai, 1933, my chief at the Court asked all of us to enter the NSDAP and a formation of it. So I joined the party and the SS Reitersturm, being a gentleman club without political functions, founded then at the tattersall where my fellows and me used to ride. I never made any oath. I had no charge or rank and since my going abroad 1934 I had no more contact with it. When Herr v. Rittertrop became foreign minister he insisted of providing the civil servants with a title in the party adequate to their ranks in order to avoid that we were inferior to the party authorities. As I was secretary of Legation I got the title of an Obersturmführer. It was not connected with any charge or function.

Disapproving of the political development I had joined one of the resistance clubs, the "Dreisauer Kreis" whose exponent I got for Rumania. Only in 1944 I succeeded in leaving

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the Reitersturm which/the war existed only on paper, putting  
in the pretexts that I could not prove my wife's aryan descen-  
dancy. Indeed her grandfather Thielmann had been half-jewish.

In Switzerland I refused to join the local  
organizations of the party.

As to my activity in Rumania, from 1936 to 1944, I  
was charged, at the beginning, with economical affairs. Until 1939.  
I worked alone with the Commercial Attaché on business contacts,  
trades, representatives, etc., and as liaison to the Rumanian  
authorities. Later, from 1940 to 1944, I worked under Minister  
Neubacher who was attached to the Legation as "Sonderbeauftragter  
für Wirtschaftsfragen". I participated in the continuing  
Germano/Rumanian negotiations of the "Wirtschaftsausschüsse",  
was charged to look after German exports to Rumania, and Rumanian  
exports to Germany, above all on petrol, food, financial matters  
(clearing, compensations). The negotiations went on very slowly,  
the Rumanians having an old practice in opposing powerful neighbors.

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