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Members of the Quandt family in leading positions in the complex were:-

Günther Quandt, born 1881, member of a family of North German cloth manufacturers. He entered his father's firm, Gebrüder Dräger, Pritzwalk, in 1903 and together with his younger brother Werner became partner in 1909. From 1915 to 1918 he was director of Reichswolle A.G., a wartime company, which on behalf of the German government was entrusted with the distribution of raw material to the wool spinning mills. After the first world war he was head of the textile department in the Reichswirtschaftsministerium and of Reichsstelle für Textilwirtschaft, from which offices he retired in 1922 in order to pursue an industrial career. During the inflation he acquired large interests in the potash and electric battery industry, and the latter, centred in A.F.A., formed the financial core of the complex in its subsequent expansion. Quandt took particular interest in the international connections of A.F.A. and during the nineteen-thirties made a journey to South America on behalf of the company. He was chairman of this company and in recent years assumed the same office in Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, Mauser-Werke, Dürener Metallwerke and A.G. für Industriebeteiligungen as well, apart from being manager of Dräger Werke G.m.b.H. He also was on the Vorstand of Gewerkschaft Wintershall holding company of the Wintershall complex and member of the Aufsichtsrat in numerous other companies. He was also on the board of various syndicates, being chairman of the Aufsichtsrat of Deutsches Tuchsyndikat G.m.b.H. (cloth cartel) and member of the Aufsichtsrat of Deutsches Kali Syndikat G.m.b.H. (potash cartel). Quandt was foremost a financier and organiser of the type of Friedrich Flick with whom he also shared his dislike of publicity, but while Flick in the latter stages of his career followed the traditional German pattern of forming a more or less organic vertical complex, Quandt expanded in various and disconnected directions pursuing only an investment policy. He held, apart from the companies included in this report, an influential position in the Wintershall complex, some participation in the motor vehicle concern of Daimler-Benz and was chairman of the insurance firm Gerling-Konzern. Details as to his position in this last-named complex should be obtainable from Walter Forstreuter, its director general. Quandt had old connections with the Nazi-Party. During the nineteen-twenties Goebbels was tutor to his children and in 1931 he married Quandt's divorced wife. Quandt subsidised the Party before 1933 and it was rumoured that he gave large sums to Goebbels in 1933, when the Nazis, after coming to power, quashed a tax enquiry against Quandt. He was among the first German industrialists to be appointed Wehrwirtschaftsführer at a time when this was still connected with a solemn oath of loyalty to Hitler. Quandt owned a country seat outside Germany, i.e. Villa Tonja at Vaduz in Liechtenstein.

Werner (Friedrich Ludwig) Quandt, born 1884, brother of Günther Quandt. He joined the family company Gebrüder Dräger, Pritzwalk in 1901 and became partner in 1909. He was a textile technician and his activities were restricted only to the management of the above-mentioned family firm and some other associated textile companies and Dräger-Werke G.m.b.H., Potsdam-Babelsberg, a holding company mainly concerned with the administration of the textile interests of the group.

Herbert Quandt, born 1910, member of the Vorstand of A.F.A. and Perrix-Werke G.m.b.H. and Gewerkschaft Wintershall. He was also member of the Aufsichtsrat of numerous other companies and deputy chairman in important subsidiaries of the complex such as Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, Mauser-Werke and Dürener Metallwerke.

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