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As secretary to Franz von Papen in the German Embassy in Washington during the world war, he helped organize the sabotage ring which blew up the arsenal at Kingsland and engineered the disastrous Black Tom explosion.

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