

Personal Record Questionnaire - Part I - Biographic

1. Full Name : Richard GEHLEN
First Middle Last

2. Name in native script _____

3. Name at birth (if different from 1) _____

4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason & place of use):

a. UTILITY, cryptonym used only by POB in correspondence with WASH and KARL;

b. Dr. Richard SCHNEIDER, covername used within compound; *

c. Richard Garner *

d. Robert GONTARD *

* German identity papers used in connection with cover names mentioned above give birth dates as follows:

b. SCHNEIDER 4 March 1905

c. GARNER 3 April 1902

d. GONTARD 4 March 1905

e. Hans HOLBEIN, name used only occasionally, for instance in travelling to Austria (AGO-card D-147 996 in this name);

f. Dr. GROSS) Names used whenever special precautionary measures

g. Dr. ERNST) are warranted and wherever mistaken identity with another person of the same name is desirable.

5. Date of birth : 3 April 1902 Birthplace : Erfurt, Thuringia

6. Nationality at birth : German (no other subsequent nationality)

7. Present citizenship : German

8. Present residence : Berg a/Starnberger See, Bavaria #68 Wald

9. Permanent address : _____

10. Present occupation: (Full title, salary, etc.) DM 1000 a month (brutto and netto)

CHIEF of ODEUM

11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the U.S.

12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in U.S. Explain relationship.

*Friends: John B. Baker, Jr - 101 Duane St, N.Y.C. 7
Eric Waldman - 1204 Lehigh St, Silver Spring, Md.*

13. Father - Full name, occupation, present residence, year and place at birth and subsequent nationalities

Walther Gehlen, Director of a Publishing firm in Leipzig, German

national, deceased in 1943; date of birth 24 July 1871; former Army officer, retired after World War I with the rank of Lt.-Col; reactivated in World War II; held unimportant administrative position.

14. Mother same information as under 13.

Katharina Gehlen, nee von Baernewyck, born 12 June 1881, nationality

German deceased in 1921

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15. Wife (or husband) - Full name, maiden name, date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities present residence, divorce, annulment. (Give data on all previous marriages)

Hertha Gehlen, nee von Seydlitz-Kurzbach, born 17 April 1904, nationality German, place of birth Loebischowitz/Silesia; married in 1931

16. Children - Full names, sex, year and place of birth, nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence.

Katharina Gehlen, daughter, born 1934 19-1-34 - Berlin
Christoph Gehlen, son, " 1937 11-2-37 - Berlin
Marie-Therese Gehlen, daughter " 1941 1-9-40 - Legnago
Dorothee Gehlen, " " 1943, 28-2-43 - Legnago
German nationals, residing in Berg a/Starnberger See, Bavaria

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.

Giovanni (Johannes Hans) Gehlen, alias BAUM, Johannes), born 15 March 1901 in Rome, Italy; first passport held US passport, validity 6 months; now German citizen;

Walter Gehlen, born approx. 1905, German citizen, died 20 Feb 1945;

Barbara Gehlen, born 1912 in Germany, German citizen, married to a distant relative Walter von GEHLEN, lawyer and former civilian official of German Navy - living in Rio de Janeiro

18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.

Brother-in-law Walter von GEHLEN, employed in autumn 1946 by British authorities in Kiel (present status unknown)

Brother Giovanni (Johannes Hans) GEHLEN, Head of ODEUM group in Rome

19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue and duration of validity.

✓ Auslands Passport No. 000 63291 in the name of GEHLEN, Reinhard

✓ Auslands Passport No. 186 070 in the name of GONTARD, Robert

AGO-Card No. D-147 996 in name of HOLBEIN, Hans,

TTD under name GEHLEN, Reinhard, valid for Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and France

German identity papers (not specified) in the name of SCHNEIDER, Dr. Richard; GARNER, Richard, and GONTARD, Robert, passports

20. Religion - Degree practiced, membership religious orders. No. 186070

21. Present and past political affiliations.

NONE

22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates, purpose, people and firms visited.

Sent to USA by War Department at end of 1945; returned 5 June 1946

before WW II - 1933 trip to Italy (Rome, on leave); 1937 to Finland & Sweden (leave)

During WW II - troop duty in Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Greece, Russia

after WW II - several trips to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain; 1 to France (duty trips)

23. Education - School, location, course, degree, dates
1908 - 1920 Gymnasium Breslau (Reifezeugnis)

24. Languages and dialects (Indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)
Language English Speak fair Read good Understand fair
Language French Speak good Read fair Understand fair
Language _____ Speak _____ Read _____ Understand _____

25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give details if ever prisoner of war.
Entered military service (artillery) in 1920; commissioned 2nd Lt. Dec 1923; promoted to 1st Lt. 1928; General Staff Academy 1933-1935; Promoted to Captain 1934; 1935-1938 General Staff assignment; 1938-1939 Battery Commander; March 1939 promoted to Major; Sept/Nov 1939 Chief of Staff 213th Inf. Div.; Nov 1939-Spring 1940 Chief of Fortifications Section, General Staff; Spring 1940 - Fall 1940 Adjutant to Gen Halder, Chief of General Staff; Nov. 1940 - April 1942 Chief Gruppenleiter I (Section Chief within Department for Plans & Operations Spring 1942 - Spring 1945 Chief of Department Fremde Heere Ost; dismissed by special order of Hitler 9 April 1945; American POW, arrived at Army Group IC on 27 May 1945

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social, political, etc.)
None

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property.
Deutsche Reichsbank, Munich
Salary (Basic and Brutto) DM 1000 a month; (payroll number 3002)
Housing Loan No. 8 1 April 1951 - DM 5,000

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, addresses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.
Army career, see above
Present cover occupation : Connected with Bavarian Light Metal Works

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30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.

31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (Individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad.

32. List five (5) character references.

33. Court record - court, date, arrests, charges, punishments, sentences, acquittals, denazification, etc.

*no court record
complete clearance is routine denazification procedure*

34. Description (Use American standards of measurements, if possible.)

Age	48	Posture	<i>normal</i>
Apparent Age		Weight	<i>92 kg.</i>
Height	<i>1.74 m</i>	Teeth	<i>normal</i>
Eyes	<i>blue</i>	Hair	<i>dark blond</i>
Face-shape		Scars	<i>none</i>
Complexion	<i>normal</i>	Build	<i>normal</i>
Sex	<i>male</i>	Other identifying features	<i>none</i>
General appearances			
Prominent features			

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

For cover purposes, subject's permanent residence had been given for the period 12 July 1946 to 30 November 1949 as WASHINGTON; he had full documentation for this purpose. The notional trip from the USA to Germany took place in late November 1949.