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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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- Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable"
3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

1. Full Name VILIS ARVEDS HAZNERS
First Middle Last
2. Name in native script _____
3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) same as # 1
4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) none
5. a. Date of birth 23 July 1905 b. Place of birth Vircava, Latvia
6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Latvian
7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Latvian
8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) 4 Summit Street
East Orange, N.J.
9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) same
10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) Member of the Committee for a Free Latvia (Salary approx. \$360 a month)
11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
(Give date and name in which certificate granted.) unknown
12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) unknown

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

David HAZNERS, DOB: 20 August 1874
Deceased

14. Mother - same information as 13.

Elizabete HAZNERS, DOB: 25 October 1874
Deceased

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 for all previous marriages.)

Elsa Veronika HAZNERS (nee BUNDZA), DOB: 28 June 1911
Married in Latvia. Latvian nationality.
Present residence: 4 Summit Street, East Orange, N.J.

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

Two sons between 15 and 18 years old whose names are not known. The oldest is known as a good chess player. Both were born in Latvia and have Latvian nationality.
Present address: 4 Summit Street, East Orange, N.J.

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.
unknown

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

Unknown

19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue and duration of validity. Presumably has a Latvian Foreign passport.

Visa-permanent, issued in Hamburg, Germany on 4 June 1956, # A-10305336
US permanent resident identification card (INS)

20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders

Evangelical Lutheran

21. Present and past political affiliations

HAZNERS was not active in political life in Latvia.

He sympathized with the Farmers' Union

A strong anti-Communist. Formerly a member of the board of the Latvian Veterans' Organization (Daugavas Vanagi), as well as secretary in both the Ger. and the global bodies of that organization. Member of the Committee for Free Latvia.

22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates,

purpose, people and firms visited

HAZNERS gave a speech in Canada as a member of the Committee for Free Latvia

23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates

Graduated from Agricultural School in Jelgava in 1923

Latvian Army Officers' School from 1929 to 1931

Latvian General Staff's Academy from 1937 to 1939

24. Languages and dialects (indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)

Language Latvian Speak _____ Read _____ Understand _____

Language German Speak _____ Read _____ Understand _____

Language English Speak _____ Read _____ Understand _____

Russian

* Add to #25. At the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia, he was imprisoned by the Russian NKVD on 22 June 1941 but escaped on 30 June 1941. PRQ

25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give details if ever prisoner of war

1926-1940 - Latvian army officer

20 May 1943 - Entered Waffen-SS

Waffen-SS ranks: Waffen-Hauptsturmfuehrer (28 May 1943)

Waffen-Sturmbannfuehrer (21 June 1944)

Waffen-SS units: ss-Grenadierregiment 32 (Lettische # 3)/15. Waffen-Grenadier-division ss (Lettische #1) (20 May 1943); Regimentssadjutant, Batl, Kommandeur detailed to: ss-Panzer Grenadier Ausbildungs and Ersatz-batl #10 from 16 to 29 Sept 1944. 23. Batls. Fuehrerlehrgang from 30 Sept to 5 Nov 1944.

From Nov 1944 - 15th Div Reconnaissance Batl Cndr.

His name mentioned in the "Ehrenblatt" of the German Army on 15 Aug 1944 for bravery in action. Has the War Merit Cross 2nd Class with swords. * (see above)

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social,

political, etc.) Latvian Veterans' Association (Daugavas Vanagi)-see # 21
Latvian Boy Scouts
ABN

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

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property
unknown

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, addresses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.
1940-41 - Bookkeeper for Cntrl Sugar Industry - Latvia
1943-46 - Regimental commander in Latvia (see military section) #25
1946-51 - Employed by IRO, IRO Hdqrs, Clausthal, Osnabrueck, Germany
1951-53 - Camp Administration, Augustdorf b. Detmold, Germany
May 1953 - present - Committee for a Free Latvia, 270 Park Avenue, NY, NY
(His salary in Europe for above Cnte work: approx. \$100 monthly;
In the US, about \$360 monthly)

29. (Continued)

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

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

Wife and two sons.

Subject lives in an apartment house where several other Latvians live, including a Mr. Opsteins

32. List five character references.

Alfreds Berzins - 2 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. (Gate for Free Europe)

Adelfs Klive - 70 5th Avenue, 9th floor, New York, N.Y.

Adelfs Kleanieks " " " " " "

Pauls Ramans " " " " " "

Vilis Janums - Augustdorf b. Detmold, Wehnstatte 9, Germany

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

Arrested by the Russians; imprisoned 22 June 1941, escaped 30 June 1941 as German Army approached Riga

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

Age <u>52</u>	Posture _____
Apparent age <u>same</u>	Weight <u>about 168</u>
Height <u>5' 11"</u>	Teeth _____
Eyes _____	Hair <u>gray</u>
Face - shape <u>oval</u>	Scars _____
Complexion <u>fair</u>	Build <u>medium</u>
Sex <u>male</u>	
General appearance <u>neat</u>	
Prominent features _____	
Other identifying features _____	

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.