

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives  
Finding Aid  
RG-28  
Restitution and Reparations

**RG-28.009**  
**Acc. 1989.179**

**Title:** Richard Straus papers relating to restitution, 1945-1974

**Extent:** 54 microfiche

**Provenance:** Alan G. Straus, Richard Straus' son, obtained the papers after his father's death in 1986. He donated the collection to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives in October 1989.

**Biographical Note:** Richard Straus (b. December 28, 1925, Karlsruhe, Germany) entered the United States in June 1940 and became a naturalized citizen in October 1944. He joined the United States Army in July 1944 and served in the Signal Corps of the 87th Infantry Division. He began work with the U.S. State Department in November 1948, serving in the office of German Public Affairs. From 1961 to 1963, he served as president of the board of the American International School in Vienna, Austria. He died on October 4, 1986.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement of the term papers is thematic. Arrangement of all other materials is chronological and reverse chronological order.

**Language:** German and English.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains correspondence concerning Richard Straus' assistance to relatives in their attempts to receive restitution from the German government for property lost before their emigration to the United States. Also includes term papers written by Straus while enrolled at Georgetown University and several income tax forms.

**Inventory:**

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| 28.009*01 | Records relating to insurance and restitution claims. |
| 28.009*02 | Term papers by Richard Straus.                        |