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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 246

**CREATOR:** Gordon, Harold J.

**TITLE:** Harold Jackson Gordon Jr. papers

**DATES:** 1916–1978

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence from civilians and former army officers in Germany relating to Gordon’s dissertation: The Reichswehr and the German Republic, 1919-1926 (Yale University, 1953). The letters from the civilians written between 1946 and 1951 discuss their recollections of the Nazi movement and contemporary economic and political conditions in Germany. The letters on the German army, responding to a questionnaire sent by Gordon are from Germany army officers, a British general, a German member of the French resistance and others with information on the army and foreign office personnel policies. Also included are correspondence, documents, and writings relating to the Hitler Putsch of 1923, to the Beer Hall Putsch, and to the Hamburg KDP Revolt of 1923.

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b. box
f. folder
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Arrangement
Arranged in three accessions.
### Collection Contents

#### Inventory

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Accession 2000-M-109. Additional materials

The addition includes correspondence, testimonies, and other research materials Gordon collected to support his research on Reichswehr Germany. The first folder contains an item level inventory, compiled by Nancy M. Gordon, of all materials in the addition. Folder titles correspond to those used in Gordon’s itemized listing.

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Historians
National socialism

Geographic Names
Europe
Germany
Germany -- History -- 1918-1933
Germany -- History -- 1933-1945
Germany -- History -- 1945-1955
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Names
Choltitz, Dietrich von
Erfurth, Waldemar, 1879-1971
Faber du Faur, Moritz von
Falkenhausen, Alexander von, Dr.
Gessler, Dr. (Otto), 1875-1955
Gordon, Harold J.
Guderian, Heinz, 1888-1954
Heinrici, Gotthard, 1886-1971
Heusinger, Adolf von, 1885-
Köstring, Ernst, 1876-1953
Lossberg, Bernhard von, 1900-
Malcolm, Neill, 1869-
Margulies, Fritz
Munzel, Oskar
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