Archives, Memory, History and Justice

Paraguay
A ton of records found in a back room of a Police Station in Paraguay

Became the largest public secret police archive in Latin America
Martin Almada [center, with moustache] at the human chain that journalists, human rights groups, supreme court staffers and bystanders put together to extract the Secret Police archive...

The Archive of Terror...
“Open the Door, in the name of the law” Agustín Fernández and Luis María Benítez Riera
Sized as evidence, the documents were taken to Judge Fernandez’ office at the Supreme Court.
A treasure trove for judges seeking information on Operation Condor

The Cooperation between Southern Cone security forces to eliminate insurgents
Escaping from Argentina’s dirty war, Marta Dora Landi disappeared in 1977.

Her family learned her daughter had been captured in Paraguay and handed to the Argentine Armed Forces.
SECRET... October 22, 1975... D-2 ESMAGENFA

"information...from the U.S. Embassy Security Adviser Mr. McWade."

"... (G-2 Bolivia) during the Bilateral Intelligence meeting in Asuncion, August 1975

"... at the VIII Intelligence Conference of American Armies, Montevideo, October 1975..."

"...Colonel Rivera, from SIDE, working at the Argentine embassy reported..."
In 2000, Paraguay’s Ambassador to the UN, Jorge Lara Castro, accepted to work with the Archive in support of the Paraguay Archive.

His mother, a renowned human rights activist, Jorge was also a prisoner and a victim of the regime.
With the support of dozens of human rights activists, Supreme Court staffers were able to physically organize the documents and open the Centro de Documentacion y Archivo (CDyA)
During the first 7 years of existence, the staff has processed 2000 Habeas Data filed to request compensation from the state.

Judge Luis Maria Benitez Riera with a relative of a victim, her husband and son, as she reads the files of her former disappeared husband.
It has received hundreds of Scholars, students, historians, journalists and human rights activists
Signing the launching of the support project in 2001
After 2 years, the project accomplished:
+ Train the staff
+ Install network
Catalog 60,000

BASE DE DATOS SOBRE MEMORIA HISTÓRICA, DEMOCRACIA Y DERECHOS HUMANOS

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+ Install sliding shelves
+ Critical source for judges on Operation Condor in Southern Cone, and Europe

+ increase the Archive’s responsiveness to Habeas Data, even find new material on old requests

+ Play a key role in supporting the investigations of the upcoming Truth Commission