



AL3137 - The Mark Behr Collection

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Abstract: The collection comprises records documenting Mark Behr's public disclosure of having worked as a spy for the Apartheid security establishment and later for the African National Congress (ANC). Behr went public about his spying activities at the conference "Fault Lines – Inquiries around Truth and Reconciliation" in July 1996.

Introduction

Between 1986 and 1990, while a student at the University of Stellenbosch, Behr worked as a paid agent of the South African Secret Service. In 1990 he notified the ANC in Zambia of these activities. After notifying the ANC he was asked to act as agent until the end of 1991. This he did. Behr went public about his spying activities at the conference "Fault Lines – Inquiries around Truth and Reconciliation" in July 1996.

Related Materials

The collection can also be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at: http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/trc_directory.pdf

The following collections resulted from the TRC Archival Audit:

- AL3021: Sooka, Yasmin
- AL3059: Dealing with the Past (Conference of Protestant Academy of Bad Boll, Germany)
- AL3060: The State vs. P.W. Botha and Appeal
- AL3061: Auditor General Reports on the Accounts of the TRC.
- AL3062: Office of the Public Protector, Synopsis of Cases regarding Complaints involving the TRC
- AL3063: Documents relating to the TRC Special Hearings on Health
- AL3066: Materials Relating To TRC Faith Hearings
- AL3068: Harris, Verne
- AL3100: Submission to the TRC concerning Relevance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commissions Mandate



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AL3101: Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal, TRC Submission
AL3102: Amnesty International TRC Materials
AL3103: Institute for Healing Memories (IHOM) TRC Materials
AL3110: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)
AL3115: Argall, Jane
AL3116: Cherry, Janet
AL3118: Marcus, Gilbert
AL3119: Sheila Meintjies and Beth Goldblatt
AL3120: Ross, Fiona
AL3121: Julian Knight and Rudolph Jansen
AL3125: The Challenge of Reconciliation: A Response of Church and Lay Persons to the TRC
AL3126: Confession and Reconciliation: A Challenge to Churches in South Africa
AL3128: Terreblanche, Christelle
AL3129: Zapiro TRC Collection
AL3130: African National Congress (ANC) TRC Materials
AL3131: Cosatu Submission to the TRC
AL3132: Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Submission to the TRC
AL3134: Iphepha Ndaba Newsletters from the Western Cape
AL3135: Fester, Gertrude
AL3136: Villa-Vicencio, Charles
AL3137: Behr, Mark
AL3141: Human Rights Watch Materials
AL3142: NGO Working Committee on Reparations Materials
AL3143: IDASA Sound Recordings Relating to the TRC

Notes

The records that make up the collection constitute two discrete groups. The first record is a ring-bound copy of the submission that Behr had made to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in 1996 on his activities as a paid spy of the South African Police and later as an agent for the African National Congress (ANC).

The second set of records is correspondence between Behr and Brandon Hamber of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR) in which they discuss the modalities for the "coming out" of spies and the possibility of victim-offender mediation. The correspondence spans the period 9 February 1997 to 26 April 1997.

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

The TRC Archival Audit

SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand have embarked on a project to locate and retrieve records relating to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>



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Inventory

A: Submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- A1: Submission to the TRC by Mark Behr: final draft of the text made available to the TRC through the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)
[July to November 1996]

B: Correspondence with Brandon Hamber (CSVR)

- B1: E-mail from Behr to Hamber re: processes for the 'coming out' of spies.
[9 February 1997]
- B2: E-mail from Behr to Hamber re: enquiring whether in the inventory for the TRC submission had arrived
[3 March 1997]
- B3: E-mail from Hamber to Behr re: response to questions raised by Behr in e-mail of 9 February 1997
[3 March 1997]
- B4: E-mail from Behr to Hamber re: response to questions raised in e-mail of 3 March 1997
[3 March 1997]
- B5: E-mail from Behr to Hamber re: questions around inventory
[9 April 1997]
- B6: E-mail from Hamber to Behr re: 1. Opening of Behr's files; 2. Victim-Offender Mediation Programme
[14 April 1997]
- B7: E-mail from Behr to Hamber re: response to issues raised in e-mail of 14 April 1997
[26 April 1997]