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Overview of the Collection

Title	Paraguay Archives of Terror Collection
Collection Number	MS 395
Creator	Bob Walter
Dates	1957 – 1999
Quantity	0.25 Linear feet
Summary	This collection consists of photocopies of correspondence, newspaper clippings and reports all relating to the Archives of Terror.
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccol@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English, Spanish, Catalan & Portuguese
Biographical Note	The “Archives of Terror” (Archivos del Terror) is a collection of more than half a million documents, held in Paraguay, that record some of the crimes undertaken by the Alfredo Stroessner regime. Alfredo Stroessner was a Paraguayan army officer and dictator of Paraguay from 1954 – 1989. The archive confirms countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay & Uruguay coordinated intelligence & prisoner exchanges to suppress political opposition under “Operation Condor”. The United States government provided planning, coordination, training on torture, financial & military aid and technical support to these military governments from the Johnson to Reagan presidencies. The archives were discovered in 1992 by attorney, and educator Martín Almada and Judge José

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Agustín Fernández when requesting habeas data from a police department in Lambaré, Paraguay. The archives listed 50,000 people murdered, 30,000 “disappeared” and 400,000 imprisoned. Some countries have been able to use the archives to prosecute those who were involved, such as Chilean General Augusto Pinochet, and Pastor Coronel.

This collection of primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

1. Correspondence
2. Newspaper Clippings
3. Report

Series 1: Correspondence

f. 1 Correspondence 1956 – 1999

11/8/1956	Unknown
12/18/1957	Antonio Alum to Capital Chief of Police
9/25/1975	Julia Albertini to Manuel Sepulveda
10/1/1975	Julia Albertini to Manuel Sepulveda
2/26/1996	G. Mauther-Markhof to Nemecio Barreto
2/2/1999	Dr. Martin Almada to President Fernando Cardoso
6/7/1999	Dr. Martin Almada & Dr. Wildo Rienzi to Dr. Edgar Montiel
6/26/1999	Dr. Martin Almada to President Luis G. Macchi
Date Unknown	Dr. Harry to Robert Walter
Date Unknown	Unknown to Edgar L. Ynsfrán

Series 2: Newspaper Clippings

f. 2 Newspaper Clippings 1994

11/21/1994	<i>ABC</i> : “Martin Almada calls for a former police officer to be prosecuted for torture”
11/27/1998	<i>La Nacion</i> : “Judge asks CIA and Pentagon for reports on military”
2/22/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “Almada invited the Pope to see the ‘Archive of Terror’”
4/1/1999	“Condor Lives”
4/3/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “A Sabotage of democracy considering Cubas and Oviedo asylum”
4/11/1999	<i>Ultima hora</i> : “Ask universities to create a ‘counter power’”
4/13/1999	“Garzón Requests the Extradition of Stroessner”
4/15/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Stroessner’s extradition is a priority for Spain”
4/16/1999	<i>el Periódico de Catalunya</i> : “Free way to surrender Pinochet”

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4/16/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Martín Almada celebrates extradition and awaits arrest warrant for Stroessner”
4/17/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “Izurieta travels to London to accompany the former dictator”
4/17/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Cardoso affirms that the Pinochet case is not applicable to Stroessner”
4/21/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “Psychological torture: the case went to Judge Hugo Lopez”
5/10/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Those Responsible for Operation Condor could be prosecuted”
5/13/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Wife of disappeared person accuses Stroessner and Videla before a judge”
5/13/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “Operation Condor: Videla accused of disappearance”
5/24/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Martín Almada criticizes visit to Stroessner”
6/12/1999	<i>Diario Noticias</i> : “Judge reviewed documents in Interpol Branch”
6/14/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Dictatorships in Europe and Latin America have similarities”
6/20/1999	<i>ABC</i> : “Saguier encourages the law of final point, according to Almada”
6/25/1999	<i>Última hora</i> : “Affirmation that Chiola must give answers”
Date Unknown	Confirmation the sentence of 25 years in prison for Pastor Coronel
Date Unknown	Spanish Judge to order the arrest of the former Paraguayan dictator
Date Unknown	Yankees instructed in interrogation techniques

Series 3: Reports

f. 3 Reports