

Secrecy, archives, and the archivist: a review essay (Sort Of

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The archive covers the entire period from the Bolshevik Revolution to the 1980s and includes revelations concerning almost every country in the world. But the KGB's main target, of course, was the United States. Though there is top-secret material on almost every country in the world, the United States is at the top of the list. As well as containing many fascinating revelations, this is a major contribution to the secret history of the twentieth century. Among the topics and revelations explored are: The KGB's covert operations in the United States and throughout the West, some of which The archive was the supreme technology of the late nineteenth-century imperial state, a repository of codified beliefs that clustered (and bore witness to) connections between secrecy, the law, and power. Keywords. archives archiving bureaucracy colonial archives ethnography knowledge. On the history of archives and how archivists have thought about it, see Ernst Posner's classic essay, "Some Aspects of Archival Development since the French Revolution", in Maygene Daniels and Timothy Walch (eds.), *A Modern Archives Reader* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Record Service, [1940] 1984), pp. 3–21; Michel Duchein, "The History of European Archives and the Development of the.