

Angola

MAIL OF THE SECRET POLICE

BACKGROUND

The Portuguese Political Police (PIDE) had functioned with great power during the dictatorship of Salazar and later. It was dismantled following the revolution of 25th April 1974. Although draconian, they tended to send socialist activists to the Colonies rather than exterminate them. Many dissidents ended up in Timor and the African Colonies where they played their part in the various revolutionary movements.

MAIL MARKINGS

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