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Stasi headquarters, May 20, 1985

## STASI-HEADQUARTERS. CAMPUS FOR DEMOCRACY

The headquarters of the Stasi in Berlin-Lichtenberg was a huge complex with about 40 office buildings and thousands of offices, where about 7,000 full-time employees worked in 1989.

Since 1990, House 1 of the former Stasi headquarters has housed the Stasi Museum, which provides information about the work of the State Security during 40 years of dictatorship.

Next to the Stasi Museum is the Stasi Records Archive of the Federal Archive. An exhibition in the neighbouring House 7 informs visitors about the archive's holdings, working methods and the creation of Stasi files.

In the inner courtyard of the grounds, the Robert Havemann Society shows the events surrounding the end of the GDR in an open-air exhibition and is present on site with the „Archive of the GDR Opposition“.

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IN HOUSE 1 OF THE MINISTRY FOR STATE SECURITY



## OPENING HOURS

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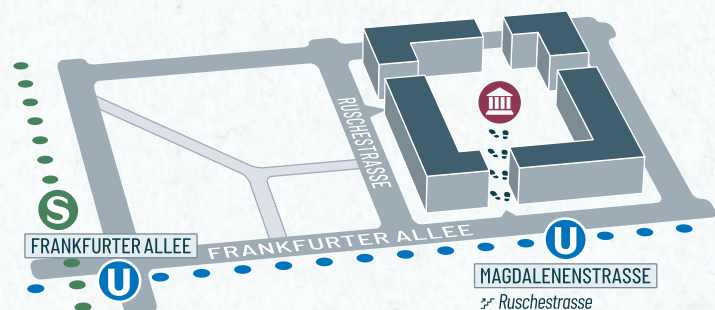
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Erich Mielke's office

## „STATE SECURITY IN THE SED DICTATORSHIP“

For over 40 years, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) succeeded in keeping millions of people in East Germany under control. An important instrument for this was the Ministry of State Security (MfS) as the „shield and sword of the party“. The Stasi, as the MfS was popularly called, had to secure the power of the SED and control large parts of society.



Emblem of the MfS

Hundreds of thousands actively cooperated with the MfS – as either full-time employees or unofficial collaborators, or as supporting functionaries in the administration. All political, economic and societal institutions in East Germany had to cooperate with the state security.

Numerous, often unique objects such as specialized cameras, bugs, burglar's tools or devices for clandestine opening of letters bear witness to the extent of the surveillance of people by the Stasi.



MfS key copying kit



A bugging device built by the Stasi

The offices of Erich Mielke, the last Minister for State Security, have been preserved in their original condition to this day and can be visited as part of the exhibition.

The exhibition was developed by the non-profit supporting association of the museum ASTAK e.V. together with the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Files.



Miniature camera F-21 with button attachment for concealed photography